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# ‘If you haven’t done it, do it now’

## 2020 Census affects many aspects of day-to-day life

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Most Americans got a letter in the mail late last week asking them to log on to my2020census.gov to complete the 2020 Census.

“If you haven’t done it, do it now,” said Kathy Stady, Berrien County Census Hub coordinator. “This is too important to the county.”

The national census, completed every 10 years, determines funding for things like libraries, school lunches, road projects and health clinics.

Every person who completes the census, no matter your age, is worth about $1,800 a year to their community.

“It’s the way we get our fair share of the $675 billion of the federal money that comes out to communities,” Stady said. “When you vote, you’re voting about how those dollars are going to be spent or where. When you’re filling out the census, you’re bringing those dollars into the community so they can be used to benefit every resident.”

### A census during a pandemic

Many people reading this have probably spent the last week social distancing and washing their hands a lot because of the continued spread of the novel coronavirus.

A pandemic is something the census can help with, according to Stady.

“Census data is used for emergency management planning, including hospital beds and staff, even decisions about how much medical equipment we need locally,” she said. “The epidemiologists use census data to calculate the impact of the virus on our local communities. We need each household in Berrien County to complete the census, so our future planning includes enough medical resources.”

Stady said this coronavirus emergency is a vivid example of the importance of completing the census.

“When the schools closed, suddenly school lunches, a census-based program, were at risk,” she said.

But this year, you can respond to the census without in-person contact by responding either online, by phone or by mail.

“We hope this national emergency spurs each household to take 10 minutes right now to complete

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## Societal changes

### Census now lets people mark themselves as same-sex couples

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

The 2020 Census is the year of several firsts.

In addition to it being the first year the census can be filled out online, it’s also the first year it will allow people living in the same household to mark themselves as same-sex partners or spouses.

“As a precedent, it’s definitely a step in the right direction, and beginning to get good information about the size and diversity of the LGBTQ+ community across the country and locally is definitely a good thing,” said Mary Jo Schnell, executive director of the OutCenter of Southwest Michigan.

The OutCenter, a nonprofit serving the LGBT community in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, relies heavily on census data for the work it does.

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# Sending help to the front lines

## Whirlpool secures vital medical supplies for Lakeland

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
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BENTON HARBOR — In the midst of a growing coronavirus pandemic in the U.S., Whirlpool Corp. announced Friday that the company is providing medical supplies to Spectrum Health Lakeland as the hospital system gears up for expected patients.

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The announcement was made in a news conference at the appliance maker’s global headquarters, where Whirlpool CEO Marc Bitzer and Spectrum Health Lakeland President Loren Hamel discussed the charitable effort.

“We’re all going through turbulent times as we are in uncharted waters. The coronavirus didn’t come with an instruction manual. Not for hospitals or businesses,” Bitzer said. “We need to do what we can to support the front lines.”

Through its procurement division, Whirlpool was able to obtain medical supplies that were in high demand and in short supply. Bitzer said its the first step of more to come.

Based on what arrived in the past two days, Lakeland will receive 192 6-ounce containers of hand sanitizer, 252 24-ounce containers of hand soap and more than 100,000 medical gloves. Bitzer said more gloves and ear-loop masks – for adults and children – are expected next week.

Kyle Murawski, manager for indirect procurement at Whirlpool, said their team worked with the company’s international procurement organization for a global reach on finding the supplies.

“We supported China from day one and they have repaid the favor,” Murawski said, in reference to the thousands of masks that Whirlpool sent to China when COVID-19 first began to spread across the country.

Hamel thanked Whirlpool for helping protect the hospital’s “ground troops who are in the line of fire.”

“The generosity, the compassion, the skill and the confidence of Whirlpool in helping to take care of the health care of this region is just phenomenal,” Hamel said. “Health care systems that have been confronted by the virus on their own turf

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**Marc Bitzer, CEO of Whirlpool Corp., joins Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, back, as he announces Whirlpool’s donation of medical supplies to combat COVID-19 during a meeting Friday afternoon at Whirlpool Corp.’s Global Headquarters.**

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

**From left, Olivia Starks, Laura Starks and Tom Starks, owners and funeral directors at Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services in St. Joseph, are dealing with the coronavirus through a variety of methods, including encouraging social distancing in their chapel.**

# Funerals in the time of coronavirus

## Funeral directors walk a line between safety and offering closure

**By JULIE SWIDWA**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — As a decorated U.S. Army veteran, engineer, professor, volunteer, family man and friend to many, Arden Pridgeon of St. Joseph likely would have drawn a huge crowd for his funeral.

But things turned out differently for services for Pridgeon, 95, who died March 16 at home. On Friday, his family gathered for a private service, and family said a Celebration of Life and memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

The ever-evolving coronavirus pandemic has quickly changed the face of funerals in many places across America. Tom Starks, owner/funeral director at Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home, said he and other area funeral directors are talking almost daily and finding a balance between offering closure to grieving families while following local, state and federal guidelines.

**Funeral homes across the area, including Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services in St. Joseph, are working to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.**

Bryan Duffield, funeral director and co-owner with Mike Pastrick at Duffield & Pastrick in Coloma, said they are doing the same.

“For a funeral today, we changed the timing,” Duffield said by telephone. “We had a two-hour visitation, encouraged people to keep their visits brief, then had only immediate family for the funeral service.”

He said fewer chairs were set up for the visitation, so people did not stay long. And one employee was designated to open and close the door so no one else was touching the door.

“I think people are kind of policing themselves,” Duffield said. “Families are understanding if people do not come, and most people are not hugging or shaking hands. It’s a weird environment. You almost feel kind of rude at first. But I think people are getting past that.”

Duffield, along with Tom Starks, Olivia Starks and Laura Starks, funeral directors/owners of Starks & Menchinger, said a lot can be done by telephone, email and online.

Olivia Starks said Starks will soon start a program called Hugs from Home.

“People can leave an online condolence or call one in. We will print these and hook them up to balloons that we’ll have here. The families can take the notes off the balloons and take them home. It’s a way for people to say they wish they could be here,” she said.

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**Marc Bitzer, CEO of Whirlpool Corp., talks about Whirlpool's donation of medical supplies to Spectrum Health Lakeland during a meeting Friday afternoon at Whirlpool Corp.'s Global Headquarters.**

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are running out of supplies.

While COVID-19 has not yet been identified in the community, Hamel said he believes there are people who are test-pending that will have the virus.

"Within a few days I am certain we will be making that announcement," he said. "Even before that arrives we can't get enough supplies to get ready for that anticipated battle. I am confident that the supplies you have helped provide will save lives in this community."

Whirlpool's effort to get supplies to Lakeland began when the company was working to protect its employees.

Bitzer said the company has been dealing with COVID-19 for awhile since there is a factory about 200 miles from Wuhan, China – the city considered to be ground zero for coronavirus – as well as the quarantine that affected the company's European headquarters in Italy.

"It made us very mindful about what was coming, so we were maybe a little better prepared than most companies," Bitzer said. "...I'm not trying to make a political statement, but we didn't want to count on CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) masks. We will protect the masks for our people in critical front-line jobs in our factories. That's when we built a strategic reserve."

When European hospitals began to run out of supplies, Bitzer said they reached out to Lakeland officials to see how they could "use the company's muscle" to help the hospital.

The medical supplies come from multiple locations, as Bitzer said it was a group effort in getting the supplies to the U.S.

"The domestic supply is short. That's a reality," Bitzer said. "I know everybody's scrambling to drive production."

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## LOTTERIES

**Friday drawings**

**Michigan**

**Poker Lotto**
4C-8D-2H-8H-10H
**Midday Daily 3**
4-2-0
**Midday Daily 4**
9-8-3-8
**Daily 3**
8-4-1
**Daily 4**
0-7-1-1
**Fantasy 5**
11-15-20-32-35
**Estimated jackpot**
$144,000
**Keno**
03-04-05-06-08-12-17-19-21-22-25-27-30-32-35-36-37-38-41-48-62-72
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$96 million
**Powerball jackpot**
$140 million

**Thursday drawings**

**Indiana**

**Cash 5**
04-10-17-18-36
**Estimated jackpot**
$270,000
**Cash4Life**
08-14-19-44-45, Cash Ball: 3
**Quick Draw Midday**
03-04-08-09-15-19-22-30-34-35-37-39-43-50-60-62-65-66-73-79, BE: 8
**Daily Three-Midday**
1-0-7, SB: 9
**Daily Three-Evening**
0-8-3, SB: 2
**Daily Four-Midday**
5-3-1-3, SB: 9
**Daily Four-Evening**
2-5-3-1, SB: 2
**Quick Draw Evening**
02-13-15-19-20-21-22-34-35-49-53-55-56-59-60-65-67-68-69-79, BE: 56

**Illinois**

**Lotto**
05-06-13-17-28-51, Extra Shot: 21
**Estimated jackpot**
$5.75 million
**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
05-09-23-36-43
**Pick Three-Midday**
0-7-7, Fireball: 1
**Pick Three-Evening**
6-7-0, Fireball: 7
**Pick Four-Midday**
5-3-7-8, Fireball: 0
**Pick Four-Evening**
6-3-2-1, Fireball: 3
**Lucky Day Lotto**
04-13-31-42-44
**Estimated jackpot**
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# Congress toils on $1 trillion rescue, Trump unleashes fury

**By ANDREW TAYLOR and LISA MASCARO**
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**President Donald Trump points towards the media during a coronavirus task force briefing Friday at the White House in Washington.**

WASHINGTON — As leaders from Congress and the White House toiled in high-stakes negotiations on a mammoth $1 trillion-plus economic rescue package Friday, President Donald Trump unleashed fury on those questioning his handling of the coronavirus outbreak.

It was an extraordinary moment in Washington: Congress undertaking the most ambitious federal effort yet to shore up households and the U.S. economy and an angry president lashing out at all comers. All while the global pandemic and its nationwide shutdown grip an anxious, isolated population bracing for a healthcare crisis and looming recession.

When one reporter asked Trump what he would tell a worried nation, the president snapped, "I say that you're a terrible reporter."

Despite the enormous pressure on Washington to swiftly act, the challenges are apparent. On Capitol Hill, lawmakers and administration officials labored late into the evening over eye-popping sums and striking federal interventions, surpassing even the 2008-09 bank bailout and stimulus.

"Our nation needs a major next step, and we need it fast," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said to an empty chamber, the iconic U.S. Capitol closed to visitors.

Preliminary Senate votes are set for Sunday. McConnell said the goal is passage by Monday.

But hopes for a tentative deal by were fading Friday as the evening dragged on.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer told reporters, "We're making good progress."

But Schumer said trying to wrap up "tonight is hard." Talks continued.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin launched negotiations with McConnell, Schumer and senators from both parties using McConnell's GOP offer as a starting point.

But Mnuchin also conferred privately Friday with Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as the two leaders pressed for Democratic priorities. Pelosi late Friday called the GOP plan a "non-starter."

The GOP plan aims to pump billions into $1,200 direct checks to Americans and billions to small businesses to pay idled workers during the global pandemic.

But Democrats say McConnell's plan is insufficient, arguing for greater income support for workers and a "Marshall Plan" for the U.S. healthcare industry, which is preparing for an onslaught of newly sick patients.

At the White House, Trump welcomed the stimulus plan, believing it is needed to stabilize the economy.

But Trump spent much of Friday's daily briefing in a fury, an angry president lashing out at reporters' questions.

At times, he seemed to refuse to want to hear the reality of an increasingly dire situation. It was when one reporter noted the hard facts in the U.S. – that more than 200 are dead, more than 14,000 infected and millions scared – that he snapped back.

Trump also sowed further confusion about whether he is using the powers of the Defense Production Act to force American businesses to manufacture needed medical supplies.

In Friday phone calls with Trump, Schumer said he specifically implored the president to invoke the Korean War-era act to ramp up production of desperately needed ventilators and other gear.

Trump told the Democratic leader he would do it – and then Schumer said the president could be heard yelling to someone in his office "get it done."

But Trump told reporters he had put the order he invoked Wednesday "into gear" Thursday night. He said he had directed companies to launch production. But then he walked it back, saying, "You know, so far, we haven't had to" because companies are volunteering.

The administration also announced a further closing of the nation's border, as the U.S. and Mexico agreed to limit crossings to all but essential travel and trade, while the U.S. moved to restrict entry to anyone without documentation.

Later Friday, the White House said a member of Vice President Mike Pence's staff had tested positive for the new coronavirus. Pence spokeswoman Katie Miller said the staff member, who is not being identified, did not have "close contact" either the vice president or Trump.

Unveiled Thursday, McConnell's rescue proposal from Republicans builds on Trump's request for Congress to "go big."

The GOP plan proposes $300 billion for small businesses to keep idled workers on payroll and $208 billion in loans to airlines and other industries. It also seeks to relax a just-enacted family and medical leave mandate on small to medium-sized businesses from an earlier rescue package.

It puts McConnell's imprint on the GOP approach after the Senate leader left earlier negotiations to Pelosi and Mnuchin, which angered some of his GOP senators feeling cut out of the final product.

Keeping paychecks flowing for workers not at work is a top priority for both Democrats and Republicans as jobless claims skyrocket.

But how best to send direct payments to Americans – as one-time stipends, ongoing payroll support or unemployment checks – is a crucial debate.

Under McConnell's approach, small businesses with 500 or fewer employees would be able to tap up to $10 million in forgivable loans from the federal government to continue cutting paychecks.

Democrats prefer sending the money to workers via the existing unemployment insurance system. Schumer called it "unemployment insurance on steroids."

Both income support approaches have benefits and drawbacks, lawmakers said. Republicans say their plan would keep workers linked to employers, for easy recall once the crisis abates. Democrats argue the unemployment system provides a ready-made distribution channel, though states could also become overwhelmed by the surge of jobless claims.

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"Closure is important for families. It's important to have some way to say goodbye. We can videotape services, or delay services. The only problem is we're not sure for how long they'll be delayed," Tom Starks said.

Duffield said his funeral home also videotapes all funeral services and will make a CD available to families to share with others.

Laura Starks said some families started making services private even before government orders came down from the state. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer earlier this week signed an executive order prohibiting events or assemblages that would bring more than 50 people together in an indoor space. The federal government has suggested no more than 10 people gather in an enclosed space.

But the funeral homes are leaving some choices up to families.

"One family told us, 'We're going to shake hands and hug,' and we can't tell them they can't," Tom Starks said.

Olivia Starks said chairs are being spaced apart and funeral home staff is disinfecting every chair, podium and doorknob on a regular basis. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the funeral home and chapels. Cars are sterilized after every use.

Tom Starks said he believes Arden Pridgeon would approve of the measures that are being taken.

"He was all about his community and keeping his community safe is what he would have done, and what he would want done," Starks said.

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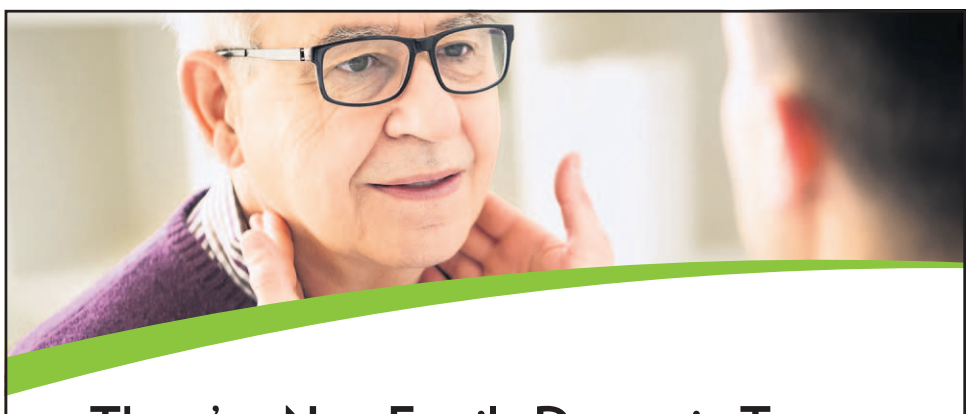

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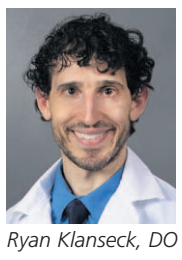
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# Online learning won't count toward instructional time

## Local superintendents say that was their belief all along

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State education officials announced Friday that any online learning done at home during the statewide K-12 shutdown will not be counted as instructional time.

The memo was issued in response to questions Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was getting from superintendents and education officials since she ordered all K-12 schools closed through April 5, an action that sent 1.5 million Michigan school children home.

Phil Freeman, Lakeshore Public Schools superintendent, said when the county's superintendents met several weeks ago they understood that online learning might not count.

"Even with that, we decided to move forward with the remote learning opportunities to give students a routine and keep them engaged in this time of uncertainty," he said. "We know we're losing instructional time already, but we know that at some time we'll be coming back to school and we're hoping by offering the opportunities that it'll be a whole lot easier for the students for acclimate once school comes back."

The memo – written by Venessa A. Keesler, deputy superintendent at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), and Kyle Guerrant, deputy superintendent in finance and operations – says "there is no mechanism to earn instructional time during a period of mandated school closure. However, schools can and are encouraged to offer supplemental learning opportunities to students using distance learning methods as they see fit.

"MDE will not be granting seat time waiver requests during this time."

Coloma Community Schools Superintendent Dave Ehlers sent a letter out to parents Friday saying that the district has never assumed or even thought that remote learning opportunities would count toward instructional time or days.

"The goal in creating remote learning opportunities was and continues to be keeping students in a routine and engaged," he wrote.

David Eichberg, Berrien Springs Public Schools superintendent, also said this is how he has interpreted the law the entire time.

"That's why I put down in writing to all of our families that we cannot hold all students accountable for learning during this," he said Friday. "If the state had made a different announcement, I would think it would be against the law. I know this is frustrating for everyone, but our district has conversations about what counts and what doesn't daily because our district does more non-traditional learning programs than others already."

Freeman also sent out a letter to parents Friday about the MDE memo, reiterating that at the time the superintendents made that decision to offer remote learning opportunities, "they had no idea (and to a degree continue to have no idea) how long school would be canceled."

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## CRUISING ALONG

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**A kiteboarder cruises past the St. Joseph lighthouses Friday afternoon in St. Joseph on a windy and cold day.**

# Journeyman offering in-house hand sanitizer to public

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

THREE OAKS — Journeyman Distillery is working to help Southwest Michigan residents protect themselves against spreading germs.

Ever since the coronavirus outbreak began to make its way to Michigan, the Three Oaks distillery discussed making and distributing hand sanitizer that could be made on its premises.

That possibility became a reality this week when Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the state's alcohol distilleries would be allowed to manufacture hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 crisis.

"The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau relaxed their regulations in order to allow beverage distillers to make denatured alcohol," according to a news release from the Michigan Emergency Operations Center. "This production is not normally permitted unless a distillery has an industrial manufacturing permit, which no Michigan distiller currently has. Under the relaxed rules, Michigan distillers can make denatured alcohol without the normally required permit."

The relaxed rules will remain in place through June 30.

Lindsay Tschida, event sales manager at Journeyman, said they are doing bottle sales from its retail section on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. (which are permitted by the state).

She said they are handing the hand sanitizers out for free, though people of course can donate for the cause. She added that 40 percent of

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Photo provided

**Workers at Journeyman Distillery prepare some of the containers of hand sanitizer that the Three Oaks distillery is making from scratch. The distillery will be offering them free of charge to the community, starting today, though donations are welcome.**

## Ask a Cop

**STEVE NEUBECKER**
St. Joseph
Public Safety Director

# What about those old fingerprints for the kids?

**I'm cleaning out all the school papers from my (now adult) kids and deciding what to keep and not keep. Are the fingerprints I got done for my kids when they were in elementary school on file, with the local police department or somewhere, official? Or should I hang on to those fingerprint cards forever just in case there's ever a need to identify them?**

**Chris from St. Joseph**

Chris,

As always, I thank you for taking the time to ask this question. I hope that the information provided helps to answer your question.

The fingerprinting of young schoolchildren was an initiative that began in the 1980s in response to the increase in television coverage surrounding the abduction of school-age children. The problem with this initiative at the time was that there was no standardization of the system. Each school district was allowed to implement a system in whatever way they saw fit. This meant that some fingerprints were simply kept on file with the school while the student was in attendance, other districts placed the prints on file with local police departments.

This initiative soon raised other questions surrounding the privacy of the students who were having their fingerprints taken. What would happen with these fingerprints once the students became a legal adult? How were police departments allowed to use these fingerprints for purposes other than finding a child that had been abducted? These questions, among others, would be a large part of the reason that these fingerprinting programs lost their popularity.

The best answer to your question, Chris, would be to check with the police department that was initially involved in the fingerprinting of your individual children to see if they still have the fingerprints on file. There is no official database here at the St. Joseph Police Department of juvenile fingerprints. I would always recommend that you keep the fingerprints in your possession to be used as a resource by local law enforcement just in case something were to happen.

I hope this provides some insight into your situation and, as always, feel free to contact our department if you have any other questions.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

# Michigan stops some medical procedures to help hospitals

## Number of cases in the state rises to 549

**By ED WHITE**
**and DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press

DETROIT — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered Michigan doctors and dentists to postpone all nonessential medical procedures Friday but declined – for now – to join other big states that are telling residents to stay home to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

The number of Michigan cases jumped 64 percent from Thursday to at least 549, with 88 percent in just three counties: Wayne, Oakland and Macomb. Three people have died so far.

California, New York and Illinois have ordered millions of people to stay home unless for certain tasks, such as medical appointments, grocery shopping or exercise.

"We are not there," Whitmer told reporters. "I think it's irresponsible for anyone to imply, read into or broadcast anything other than that."

But if strategies change, "I will absolutely communicate that personally to the public," she said.

Whitmer has tried to reduce the spread by limiting crowds at popular gathering spots and closing schools. Bars, fitness clubs and theaters are closed, and restaurants can only prepare food for carry-out. Many church services are canceled again this weekend.

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The virus can spread through coughing and sneezing.

Five Detroit police officers have tested positive while nearly 150 more are off work, Chief James Craig said.

While stopping elective medical procedures statewide, the governor said her order excludes heart surgeries, cancer testing and

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# IN BRIEF

## Body found in Lake Michigan near area where teen vanished

HOLLAND (AP) — Divers have recovered a body in Lake Michigan in an area of Holland State Park where a teenage girl from Flint vanished in January after a large wave swept her into the lake.

Ottawa County sheriff's deputies were called the park's north pier Thursday on a report of what appeared to be a human body lodged underwater in rocks there. A sheriff's dive team worked for several hours before freeing the body from a hole in those rocks.

The sheriff's office did not release any additional information, but Sheriff's Sgt. James Douglas said the body was taken to Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids for an autopsy.

A 16-year-old girl, Eliza Trainer, went missing in the area on Jan. 1 after she was swept into the lake by a large wave during her first visit to Lake Michigan, the Grand Rapids Press reported. She is presumed to have drowned.

## Gas leak, crack pipe may have sparked fatal house explosion

DETROIT (AP) — A 65-year-old man was killed and two other people injured following a house explosion in Detroit that may have been sparked by a gas leak and lit crack cocaine pipe.

A woman "claimed she was lighting a crack pipe when the explosion happened" Friday morning on the city's west side, Detroit Deputy Fire Commissioner Dave Fornell told The Detroit News.

The 46-year-old woman suffered burns to her face, arms and legs and was in critical condition at a hospital. A 42-year-old man suffered burns and abrasions and was in serious condition at a hospital.

Arson investigators were to look for a gas leak once debris from the house is removed, Fornell said.

"On arrival, the house was scattered all over the neighborhood and on fire," he told the Detroit Free Press.

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The state requires 1,098 instruction hours per year for every student. It was not clear what immediate impact the memo would have since it's not clear when students are returning to school.

Eichberg said forgiveness for school days missed would have to come from legislative action.

"Our local legislators have indicated that they won't be able to take action until school closures end, to see what they're dealing with," he said.

The state's largest teachers union said on Friday it wants state lawmakers to return to Lansing to forgive the missed school time and continue pay for educators.

"As the memo states, there isn't a mechanism to earn instructional time during a period of mandated school closure," said Paula Herbart, president of the Michigan Education Association.

"Those requirements are set by the Legislature, which is why we're working hard to get the state House and Senate to return to Lansing to take action on continued pay for all school employees and forgiveness of time during this closure."

Districts across Michigan have been scrambling to provide education resources and food to students who are displaced from school.

Many have set up daily instructional time for students while others declared this week to be spring break, and have sent little to no materials home for children to continue their education.

State Board of Education President Cassandra Ulbrich said on Friday the decision was made due to the inequities between districts in their ability to deliver online education.

"It comes down to a fairness issue. Not every district has the ability to offer programming in the same way," Ulbrich said. "It's not fair to allow districts with resources to count days and other districts trying to get resources not qualify to count those days."

Asked if the state could create equity among districts if the shutdown extends past 15 school days, Ulbrich said conversations on that issue are already underway.

"We encourage the Legislature to create equitable funding structures so schools can do those kinds of things. Can they do it in 15 days? No," Ulbrich said. "We've been having these conversations on equitable funding for so long and they haven't gone anywhere. Maybe this is the impetus we need to create equitable systems in these schools."

In a news conference Friday afternoon, Whitmer said she was "dismayed" to see the memo from the MDE Friday.

"Our plan and hope is always that we'll be in a position to get back into school, but we're very aware of what the science and experiences have been elsewhere," she said. "We're going to work to make sure that kids are getting the instruction, or the equivalent of instruction, as needed so that they can finish this year having gotten the education that they're supposed to get."

On the other side of the state, Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi Community Schools, called the announcement by the state education department tone-deaf and disrespectful at the same time.

"We've all worked hard to provide instructional opportunities for our kids. Teachers have transitioned to provide virtual opportunities and kids are engaged in meaningful learning," Matthews said. "Just to come out and say this doesn't count for anything ... doesn't respect the work the teacher are doing."

Matthews said state lawmakers have may decided to forgive the days, as they did in 2019 for snow days, or could require districts to extend the school year. If that happens, Novi schools would need to have school through July 3.

"At some level, we need some direction on what is going to happen," Matthews said.

Freeman called the Legislature's decision not to act yet "understandable."

"The inability to forecast the next steps in this crisis continues to lead to a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety, and I wish I had an answer to all of your questions right now," he wrote to parents. "This crisis has disrupted the lives of our students, staff, and community, and we are hoping to provide as much normalcy as we possibly can. We will continue to use the best available information to make decisions and drive our future actions."

# JOURNEYMAN

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sales collected from people who buy the sanitizer, or other distilled products, will go toward hourly employees who are currently without jobs.

"At this point, we are making it for little bottles," Tschida said. "The hope is to produce more, and that can be something that can go out to people who are working in the health care field. We also had a day care that's still in operation that called in asking for some."

Because in-house service has been temporarily shutdown by the state for all restaurants and bars, Journeyman is promoting its hand sanitizer through social media.

"We created a little label and chose to get it out as fast as we could," Tschida said.

Ray Barskus, an accountant at Journeyman, said it isn't too far-fetched of an idea for distilleries creating hand sanitizer.

He said Journeyman's uses a wheat-based neutral grain spirit that operates as the sanitizer's base.

"The final product is 70 percent ethanol from the neutral wheat base," he said. "From that, we use the World Health Organization's recipe, which stipulates 70 percent glycerin as a thickener so the material stays on the hands a little longer."

Tschida said the distillery will continue to make the sanitizer based on what the state mandates.

"Something we're pretty proud of is how our products are hand-made, organic and grain-to-glass," she said. "I don't think anything is out of reach. We've talked about our own cleaning products in the past."

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# STATE

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treatment, pregnancy-related appointments, births, organ transplants and dialysis.

"This will keep people from unnecessarily exposing others and, importantly, it will make sure we are preserving critical medical supplies like gowns and masks as much as possible," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan's medical executive.

Whitmer also sought to knock down social media suspicions that she has big plans for the National Guard. Whitmer said she's seeking President Donald Trump's approval to deploy members for health-related tasks.

"I am not calling for martial law," the governor said.

Meanwhile, unemployment claims continued to rise. The state said more than 55,000 people filed through Wednesday, an increase more than 15-fold above normal. In response to the virus' likely economic impact, Whitmer halted evictions in rental properties.

The Michigan Department of Education stirred up teachers around the state by saying virtual learning during the three-week shutdown doesn't count toward annual state requirements. Schools must meet for 180 days with 1,098 hours of instruction. Questions abound over whether lawmakers will forgive the requirement or if the school year will be extended.

Whitmer, who does not control the Education Department, said she was "dismayed" by the guidance.

But state Superintendent Michael Rice said law ties the department's hands, noting that attendance is impossible to verify when schools choose distance learning but aren't actually designed to provide it. He said many children have no computer at home.

Rice called on the Legislature to forgive missed days and "make clear" that the school year will not be extended into summer.

"This is going to get worked out in the days and weeks to come," said Robert Shaner, superintendent of the 15,000-student Rochester district, which will continue offering online learning.

In Wayne County, Chief Judge Tim Kenny is holding a hearing Tuesday about what to do with the local jail population because of the virus threat.

The virus is disrupting election-related activity. Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson asked Whitmer to delay the deadline for candidates to file signatures by three weeks to May 12. A ballot drive to try to reduce the influence of lobbyists in the Capitol is on hold until 2022.

# BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

## Sentences

## St. Joseph

### Fleeing/resisting police

Cory P. Willis, 46, of Reeder Street, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,138 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for assaulint/resisting and obstructing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Davis Zizkovsky Oct. 23, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Adrian H. Hurd, 29, of Hastings Street, Benton Harbor, 35 days in jail, credit for 35 days, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Benton Harbor Public Safety Officer Drew Wagner April 7, 2018, in Benton Harbor.

### Fraud/theft

Telena D. Waddle, 42, of East First Street, Lawton, 8 days in jail, credit for 8 days served, $2,018 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for attempted identity theft, using another person's information to obtain a social security card, June 20, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

William B. Baggett, 44, of Barbara Street, Benton Harbor, 180 days in jail and $198 in costs for attempted first-degree retail fraud Jan. 21 at Meijer in Benton Township.

### Drugs

Brian K. Nichols, 53, of Beverly Court, Benton Harbor, 1 year in jail, credit for 47 days served, $2,308 in fines and costs, 120 days on tether, 3 years probation, completion of the Kalmamazoo Probation Enhancement Program and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, of delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, Feb. 12, 2019, in Benton Township.

Lori A. Miller, 44, of Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor, 17 days in jail, credit for 17 days served, $2,318 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, April 11, 2019, in Benton Township.

Michael J. Thompson, 27, of Wauceda, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 7-40 years in prison, credit for 84 days served, and $266 in costs for two counts of delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; and a concurrent term of 2-15 years and $68 in costs for manufacturing or distributing an imitation controlled substance between April 4, 2019, and June 12, 2019, in Benton Township. Thompson was sentenced as a four-time habitual offender.

### Weapons violation

Dwayne W. Leslie, 30, of Milwaukee, Wis., 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $898 in fines and costs and forfeiture of a handgun for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Jan. 1 in Benton Township.

### Home invasion/larceny

Tanesha M. Roseburgh, 20, of Columbus Avenue, Benton Harbor, 80 days in jail, credit for 80 days served, $2,288 in fines and costs, and 18 months probation for third-degree home invasion Nov. 9, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Ashley L. Camp, 28, of Florence Street, Niles, 48 days in jail, credit for 48 days served, $1,778 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and 40 hours community service for third-degree home invasion Jan. 22 in Three Oaks Township.

Kimin W. Davis, 43, of Hoyt Street, St. Joseph, 120 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $2,578 in fines and costs, $,2858 in restitution and 2 years probation for larceny from the person, June 9, 2019, in St. Joseph.

### Assault

James E. Chaddock, 48, of Beverly Shores, Ind., 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,758 in fines and costs and 5 years probation for second-degree criminal secual conduct, an assault on a woman, July 24, 2019, in New Buffalo Township.

Kelly M. Leonard, 36, of Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,335 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 1 year probation for domestic violence, an assault on a man, Sept. 15, 2019, in Benton Township.

### Other

Jeffrey S. Niedbalski, 37, of South Bend, 120 days in jail, credit for 82 days served, $198 in costs and $240 in restitution for receiving/concealing stolen property Dec. 19, 2019, in New Buffalo Township.

Andrea J. Medo, 23, of South San Martine, Stevensville, 30 days in jail, credit for 30 days served, $1,758 in fines and costs, $6,614 in restitution, 90 days on SCRAM tether and 2 years probation for being an accessory after the fact to a felony, an assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, Dec. 1, 2019, in St. Joseph.

## Niles

### Armed robbery

Jahari D. Lenoir, 21, of South Bend, 40 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 107 days served, $258 in costs and $3,350 in restitution for armed robbery Nov. 30, 2019, in Niles Township.

### Drugs

Nicolas B. Washington, 41, of Buchanan Place, Buchanan, 51 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 5 days served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Oct. 3, 2019, in Buchanan.

Gerald L. Pond Jr., 56, of Maple Street, Niles, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $838 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and driver's license suspended for 180 days for maintaining a drug house Sept. 26, 2019, in Niles.

### Drunken driving

Steven R. Spenner, 21, of Pokagon Road, Berrien Center, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $1,700 in fines and costs, $29,579 in restitution, 120 days on SCRAM tether and 18 months probation for operating while intoxicated, second offense, Oct. 20, 2019, in Berrien Township.

### Other

Tammy S. Rowe, 48, of North Main Street, Buchanan, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $838 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for interfering with an electronic communication device, a cell phone, Jan. 12 in Niles.

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**SATURDAY EVENING MAR. 21**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
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| ABC (7)(13)(41)(57) | Chicago's Women | Shark Tank CC (DVS) | | American Idol "306 (Hollywood Week -- Genre Challenge)" CC | | | |
| CBS (2)(3)(22) | 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (L) CC | | | | | 48 Hours (N) CC | |
| NBC (5)(8)(16) | Ac. Hollywood | Dateline NBC CC | | Figure Skating World Championships, Men's Free. From Bell Centre in Montreal. | | | |
| FOX (17)(22)(28)(32) | XFL Football | LEGO Masters "Mega City Block" | | 9-1-1 A skydiving trip goes wrong. | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS (34) | Lawrence Welk | Antiques Roadshow (Part 3 of 3) CC | | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | Keeping Up Appearances CC | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | Mike & Molly | Mike & Molly | Seinfeld CC | Seinfeld CC | News | Cops CC |
| MNT (50) | Graham Bensinger | Dateline A college student disappears. | | Dateline "The Night Before Halloween" | | Dateline "The Mystery on Albion Road" | |
| WCIU (26) | 2 Broke Girls | Bob's Burgers | Bob's Burgers | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Bob's Burgers |
| WHME (46) | :00 Heartland | Heartland "Running Scared" | | Murdoch Mysteries "The Accident" | | Murdoch Mysteries An adversary returns. | |
| WGN (9) | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) | |
| A&E | 5:00 Live PD CC | Live PD: Rewind (N) CC | | Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.19" CC | | | |
| AMC | 6:00 ★★★ The Hunger Games ('12) Jennifer Lawrence. | | | ★★★ The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13) Jennifer Lawrence. CC | | | |
| Animal | Pit Bulls | Pit Bulls-Parole | | Pit Bulls-Parole | | Pit Bulls-Parole | |
| BET | Ray ('04) | ★★★ Django Unchained ('12, Western) Jamie Foxx. CC | | | | | |
| Big Ten | TBA | To Be Announced | | | | | TBA |
| Bravo | 6:40 ★★★ Walk the Line ('05) Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon. CC | | | | :44 ★★★ Dirty Dancing ('87) Jennifer Grey. CC | | |
| Cartoon | Infinity | Dragon | Dragon | American | American | Burgers | Fam. Guy |
| Cinemax | :00 Strike Back | 7:50 ★★ The Predator ('18) Boyd Holbrook. CC | | | :40 ★★ The Ruins ('08, Horror) Jonathan Tucker. CC | | |
| CMT | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | Gold Girls |
| CNBC | Boss | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | |
| CNN | News | CNN Newsroom | | Race-Whte Hse | | Royal Dynasty | |
| Comedy | Dumb | ★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) CC | | | | Tommy Boy | |
| Discovery | Expedition Un. | Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered "Underwater Kingdoms" Josh Gates dives into the Arabian Sea. (N) CC | | | | | |
| Disney | Hotel | Big City | Big City | Big City | Big City | Owl Hse. | Owl Hse. |
| DIY | Maine | Maine Cabin Masters | | Maine Cabin Masters | | Maine Cabin Masters | |
| E! | :00 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15) | | | | :45 Fifty Shades Darker | | |
| ESPN | College Wrestling | | | | | SportsCenter (N) | |
| ESPN2 | NCAA Women's Tournament | | | | NCAA Women's Tournament | | |
| ESPNC | Baseball | MLB Baseball From Oct. 16, 1983. | | | | MLB Baseball | |
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| Fox News | Life | Watters' World (N) | | Justice With Jeanine | | Greg Gutfeld | |
| Fox Sports | Basket | Spotlight | Focused | Game | Wings | NHL Hockey | |
| Freefrm | 6:20 The Princess and the Frog | | :25 ★★★ Frozen ('13, Children's) Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff. CC | | | | |
| FX | Kingsman-Gold | ★★ X-Men: Apocalypse ('16, Action) James McAvoy. Professor X and Raven battle the immortal mutant Apocalypse. CC | | | | | |
| Golf | LPGA Golf | | | Golf Central (N) | | PGA Golf | |
| Hallmark | :00 Love on the Sidelines ('16) Emily Kinney. CC | | | In the Key of Love ('19) Laura Osnes, Scott Michael Foster. (P). CC | | | |
| HBO | John Wick 3 | ★★ X-Men: Dark Phoenix ('19, Action) James McAvoy. (P). CC | | | | 9:55 Westworld Stuck in a loop. | |
| History | Aliens | Ancient Aliens | | Ancient Aliens (N) | | :03 The UnXplained | |
| HGTV | Fixer | Home Town CC | | Home Town | | Restored (N) CC | |
| Learning | Say Yes | Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta | | | | Say Yes | Say Yes |
| Lifetime | Into the Arms | A Predator's Obsession ('20) Houston Stevenson, Julia Blanchard. (P). CC | | | | A Deadly Price for Her Pretty Face ('20) | |
| MSNBC | Decision | All In With | | Rachel Maddow | | The Last Word | |
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| NBCSCH | Bulls | NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Houston Rockets. (N) | | | | | Postgame |
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| Starz | 6:43 ★★ Just Go With It ('11) CC | | :41 ★ Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ('12) Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba. CC | | | | :20 Outlander |
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| SyFy | John Wick ('14) | ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common, Laurence Fishburne. CC (DVS) | | | | | Underworld |
| TBS | :00 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) CC | | | | 2020 NCAA Basketball Tournament | | |
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| TMC | :15 ★★ Shaft ('00, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. CC | | | Intruders ('15, Suspense) Beth Riesgraf, Martin Starr. CC | | | :35 Pathology |
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| WGN-A | Night Museum | ★★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian ('09) Ben Stiller. CC | | | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter |

# Joy over finding love can't diminish pain of twin's loss

**Jeanne Phillips**
Dear Abby

**DEAR ABBY:** I have had a serious boyfriend for six months. He's wonderful, a dream come true. But I find myself more depressed and suicidal than ever. Mom tells me I don't have any reason to be depressed since I have a boyfriend. It's like she thinks I have no right to still be despondent over my twin's death because I now have a significant other.

My eating disorder and self-harm have gotten worse, too. I feel like I'm holding in so much sadness I'm not allowed to show that I'm turning it all inward in self-destructive ways. Although I love my boyfriend, I almost feel like breaking up just so everyone won't expect me to be Pollyanna anymore. The third anniversary of my twin's suicide is coming, which is making everything more unbearable. I just don't know what to do. I just want to disappear. – Things Aren't Ok

**DEAR THINGS:** If your mother truly believes a death in the family (particularly a twin!) is something that can be "fixed" by having a boyfriend, she is deluding herself. You need professional help and right away. There are support groups for survivors of a family member's suicide, and you are three years overdue for finding one. I urge you to contact the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Someone there can help you to locate a support group for the survivors of a loved one's suicide. To find them, go online to afsp.org.

If you are feeling suicidal, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and tell a counselor about what's going on. If you do, you can be directed to a licensed therapist in your community who can help. The toll-free number to call is 800-273-8255. PLEASE do not put it off.

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter and I have been estranged on and off for many years, most recently for the last 22 months. At that time, she angrily took her 8-year-old daughter and left our home, where she had been living since another eviction. She said she was going to tell everyone I kicked her out. Then she blocked me on Facebook, removed my access to my granddaughter's classroom progress reports and my name from the school emergency card. I had no idea where they went. My poor granddaughter was in tears. She had been upset moving back in with us again, and told me she wished her mom would get a job so they could stay in one place for real.

After no contact, I have been told my daughter is being married. "Save the date" cards have gone out. I have no desire or intention of going to a wedding of someone who has spent half her life being cruel to me, lying, ignoring me, being jealous at her sister's wedding and so on, with never an apology for her horrible behavior. She's a Jekyll and Hyde.

We live in the same community, and I do all I can to avoid seeing her. I'm happy for her and delighted my granddaughter will finally have a bedroom of her own, but I have no intention of playing happy family to someone who regularly sharpens knives in my back. How do I answer any inquiries that may come up about the wedding? – Can't Take Any More

**DEAR CAN'T:** Do not engage in a litany of complaints and accusations. You can get the message across to anyone who asks about the wedding by saying that you are not involved in the planning of the wedding and questions should be directed to your daughter. You do not have to discuss it further. It's short and sweet and gets the message across.

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# At mother-in-law's funeral, I found out she never liked me

**Carolyn Hax**

**DEAR CAROLYN:** My mother-in-law passed away suddenly this year. After the funeral, a drunk, grieving family member let me know that my MIL never liked me. Looking back, it makes a lot of sense – she was far from the nightmare MIL some people have, but she wasn't ever very nice or welcoming.

So, I have found myself secretly relieved I don't have to deal with her anymore, while I'm dreading helping my husband and the rest of the family get through his first holiday season without his mom. How do you come to peace with not liking someone who is much loved and no longer living? – Guilty

Guilty: Well, you're already most of the way there: You have the maturity to keep your hurtful feelings private. Which might be a trait your husband found attractive because it reminded him of his mom.

She managed to dislike you to the end of her days without your ever being the wiser. She wasn't "very nice or welcoming," yes, but had she been cuddly, then she would have been a hypocrite. Instead she was, apparently, civil and discreet enough for you not to notice that you were the reason she needed to make an effort to remain civil and discreet.

Which brings us to the point of this massive rationalization: that you can begin to find peace by finding some good in her: "You disliked me, but I can respect how you handled it." Seriously. Try. Once you've got the reconciliation out of the way, even a grudging one, you'll be more willing to see in her what the people who loved her all saw. And, even better, to see how she produced a person you love. And that's how you get through.

**DEAR CAROLYN:** My ex recently asked me if we could remain friends. I don't think she wants me back or anything, just wants to stay in touch and maybe hang out some. I can't deal with telling her I don't want to be her friend, so I am thinking about blocking her emails and screening her calls. Do you think eventually she'll get the hint and stop contacting me? – Anonymous

Anonymous: She'll get the hint, yes – along with the distinct (and not inaccurate) impression that you're a coward. You can either feel bad about yourself, or feel bad about one awkward conversation: "I'm sorry, I can't do this." Take your pick.

**DEAR CAROLYN:** I've been dating a guy for almost a year who seems to think it's OK to be either late for dates or not show up at all, which leaves me standing around feeling like a moron. I've asked him to call me when he does this, but he just laughs it off. Is there a way to impress upon him how incredibly rude this "habit" is, other than the numerous discussions we've already had? (I did the same thing to him but it didn't bother him.) – Anonymous

Anonymous: Dump him. That will impress the unacceptability of his behavior upon the exact soul who needs to see it: you.

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44 Nonflying bird
45 First P.M. of India
46 Mashed potato serving
47 Cereal grains
48 Diligent insects
51 Third-rate
52 Pinnacles
54 Figured out
55 Sweetie-pie
57 Mauna —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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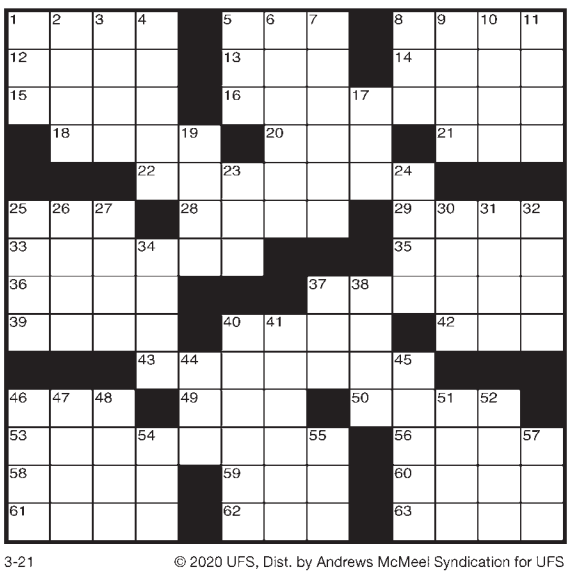

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LENKE

CYIPS

WHRONT

SALULQ

Can I get you all together for a photo?
The Daily Planet
Do you want us holding up our signs?
AACK! GIANT SPACE BUGS
THE REPORTER WANTED A PHOTO OF THE PICKETERS, WHO WERE HAPPY TO ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SKIER DRAWN MOOLAH CAJOLE
Answer: They were developing the wooded property for homes and beginning to — MAKE INROADS

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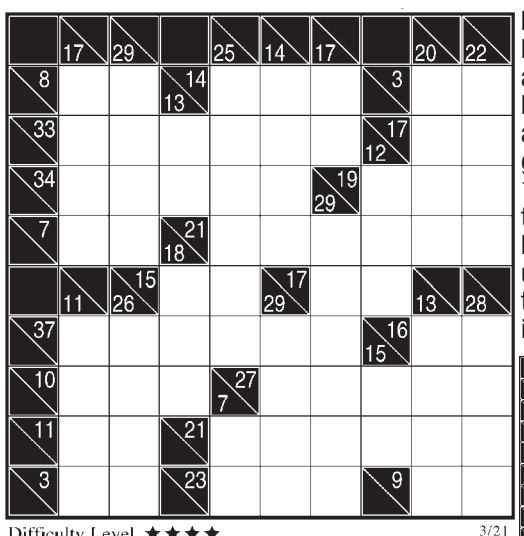
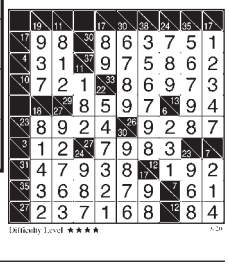
## KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/21

**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



## BRIDGE

Francis Bacon wrote, "Riches are a good handmaid, but the worst mistress." That is an interesting notion, and if he had been a bridge player, perhaps he would have had a deal like today's in mind.

How should South play in four hearts after West leads the diamond king?

In the auction, North used a transfer bid, showing five or more hearts, then offered his partner a choice of games. South selected four hearts, though here passing three no-trump would have been sensible because he could have anticipated taking five hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

Declarer won the diamond lead with his ace, played a trump to the dummy, then led the spade two: jack, king, ace. Accurately, West returned a trump. Declarer won in hand and led the spade six. Guided by his partner's jack at trick three, West put up the spade queen so that he could play his last trump, stopping the spade ruff in the South hand. Now declarer had to hope for a 3-3 club split, but he didn't get it and finished down one.

South needed the spade king for his opening bid, but he didn't need it to make his contract. If he had had two low spades, he would have counted these 10 tricks: five hearts, one diamond, three clubs and a spade ruff in hand. At trick two, declarer should have led a spade from hand. Whatever the defenders did, they couldn't have stopped South from obtaining a spade ruff in his hand as the contract-fulfilling trick.

Whenever you can take a ruff in the short-trump hand, it is almost certain to be the right play.

North 03-21-20
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A J 10 9 2
♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6 2

West
♠ A Q 7 3
♥ 7 6 3
♦ K Q J 9
♣ 10 3

East
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 6 2
♣ J 9 8 5

South
♠ K 6
♥ K Q 8
♦ A 7 5 4
♣ A K Q 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

| South | West | North | East |
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| 2NT | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ K

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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# The virus is more fodder for Chinese propaganda

If there's one thing worth knowing about China – in terms of geopolitics and American national security at least – it's that its rulers are almost as afraid of the people as the people are afraid of them.

Think about it. Why would a government place secret cameras everywhere? Censor any criticism of the government? Mount massive propaganda campaigns to defend the infallibility of the ruling Communist Party?

If the people were all in for their form of government and their way of life, this wouldn't be necessary.

**Jonah Goldberg**

"In 2013 the party issued a list of seven topics that could no longer be discussed with students: universal values, a free press, civil society, civic rights, the party's past 'mistakes,' corruption and an independent judiciary," veteran China correspondent Isabel Hilton wrote in The Economist in 2018. "This speaks of fear rather than confidence."

There are many reasons that China's rulers fear the ruled. Historically, the transition from dictatorship to democracy is led by a large middle class. A prosperous middle class, no longer worried about simple survival, tends to demand representation in government, the rule of law and other staples of democracy. China now has an enormous middle class.

It also has an enormous number of very poor people, which can be destabilizing when you have considerable income inequality and corruption, which China also has.

Moreover, China simply has an enormous number of people, which must be intimidating for the aristocrats in the perches.

For the last few decades, stability and social peace have been maintained by incredible economic growth. It's easier to keep the masses happy, or at least compliant, when most are either getting richer or believe their kids will.

But in the last few years, Chinese economic growth has slowed, even according to China's own unreliable numbers. The economic shocks of the coronavirus, which first emerged in Wuhan, are hitting everybody, but China may have the most lasting problems.

In America, policymakers in both parties see this as the last straw for an arrangement they didn't like anyway. That means even more factories could be leaving China, never to return.

The scary part is that the Chinese government has seen the writing on the wall for a while now. Not only has it become more authoritarian than even a decade ago, it has become more nationalist.

This has been Russian President Vladimir Putin's modus operandi for decades. His economy in tatters and the political system corrupt, Putin has held on to power in part by convincing the Russian people that they are besieged from abroad. "The West" is trying to destroy Mother Russia, and only a strong man like him can protect the homeland.

While everyone in the West has been focused on the pandemic, Putin has been orchestrating a constitutional change that will essentially make him president for life.

Chinese President Xi Jinping already did that. But he's catching up to Putin in other ways.

As the social cohesion of economic growth has ebbed, the Chinese – specifically the Han Chinese – have doubled down on jingoism. Part of their strategy is to emphasize the infallibility of the government in general, but of President Xi in particular. That's why they're pushing a major propaganda effort to claim that COVID-19 was unleashed on China by the U.S. military. It's also why the surest ticket to jail (or worse) in China these days is to publicly call into question Xi's response to the virus.

What worries me about the current brouhaha over what to call the virus is that everyone is playing into Xi's hands. The mainstream media's ridiculous obsession with proving President Trump is racist because he calls it the "Chinese coronavirus" is perfectly in synch with the Chinese propaganda effort.

So is the Trump administration's determination to fight back on this. I'm actually sympathetic to the need to rebut China's propaganda campaign. I can see the case that Trump has no choice, even if I think the way he talks about it is sloppy.

But the fact remains that the Chinese people will get a very different message than the one the Trump administration intends. Thanks to Chinese censorship and state-controlled media, the Chinese people will only get the message the Chinese government wants them to get. And that message is that the blame for their problems doesn't belong with their own corrupt government, but with the West.

I have no idea how to short-circuit the collective action problem in front of us. But I worry that things could continue to deteriorate in such a way that the worst consequences of the COVID-19 epidemic won't be matters of public health or economics, but an escalating cold war that could turn hot.

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# Is there still a place called 'us?'

Recently, I ordered takeout from my favorite Chinese place. I did this as a gesture of solidarity after hearing that people have been avoiding Chinese restaurants because of the coronavirus pandemic that originated in Wuhan, China.

I also did it because I had a taste for egg foo young.

**Leonard Pitts**

If my intended message was muddled by those mixed motivations, well, chalk it up to the fact that the pandemic has been hell on easy symbolism. This is supposed to be one of those times where Americans come together, where we put aside our singular, selfish needs and concentrate instead on acting in the best interests of the greater and larger us.

But you have to wonder just how it is you go about doing that. Or, more to the point, how do you go about showing your fellow citizens you are doing that?

It's a question one did not have to ask in previous national crises; they lent themselves easily and naturally to symbolic gestures of solidarity and unity. After the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, you joined the Marines, planted a Victory Garden or collected scrap metal. After John Kennedy was murdered, you wept in the streets end embraced strangers as kin. After the terrorist attacks of 2001, you gave blood, lit candles, hung American flags from freeway overpasses.

But the pandemic of 2020 offers no equivalent symbolism of national unity. No, in the great pandemic, we hoard toilet paper and Purell, and get our egg foo young to go. It's not quite the same.

Granted, that's a stylistic issue, interesting but arguably inconsequential. Except that it masks something larger. After all, if, in years past, we put aside our singular, selfish needs and sought what was right for the greater and larger us, these last years of unrelieved rancor, of Americans living in alternate political realities, requires an honest observer to wonder if those things are even still possible.

And I'm sorry, but you'll read no false equivalence here – not even in the service of hoped-for reconciliation. Because the truth matters. And the truth is, it was the political right that seceded from that greater and larger "us," that inculcated in its adherents a sense of separateness, that made of them an island warmed by a burn of permanent grievance.

Nor has that stopped in the face of pandemic. Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity initially suggested the disease is not all that serious. Rep. Devin Nunes and former Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke have said, in defiance of all medical advice, that people should go out and do the town. Trish Regan, a since-suspended Fox Business anchor, claimed the "liberal media" were using the coronavirus to "destroy the president."

Even during a pandemic, it seems, some of us find it hard to get beyond competing political agendas, hard to be one nation, indivisible. On Dec. 7, 1941, Nov. 22, 1963 or even Sept. 11, 2001, that would have been impossible to conceive.

Yet, here we are.

Always previously, one thing has been reliably true of this fractious nation: In time of crisis, we come together. Now we're about to learn if that's still the case. The early returns are not good.

Make no mistake: As our health care system, supply chain and economy are being tested, we the people are also being tested in our very understanding of American identity. We are a balkanized nation, a collection of broken pieces where even the specter of mass casualties is just another excuse for political gamesmanship. This moment forces upon us a defining question: Are we still capable of common cause?

Is there still a place called "us?"

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## LETTERS

### Trump botched this and now denies culpability

**Editor,**

No issue has highlighted the incompetence of our current president more than his mishandling of the U.S. response to the current coronavirus pandemic.

In 2018, Trump's administration dissolved the National Security Council Directorate for Global Health Security and Biodefense, which was put in place to respond to the Ebola epidemic and to make sure the country was prepared for subsequent potential epidemics or pandemics.

In January 2019, Dan Coates, former director of national intelligence, presented to the Senate Intel Committee his Worldwide Threat Assessment which contained the following language: "We assess that the United States and the world will remain vulnerable to the next flu pandemic or largescale outbreak of a contagious disease that could lead to massive rates of death and disability, severely affect the world economy, strain international resources, and increase calls on the United States for support." Trump did nothing as a result of this report.

In early 2020, the Trump administration failed to request test kits from the World Health Organization, choosing instead to develop its own test. This process was deeply flawed and led to long delays in availability of critically needed testing resources.

Through all of this, Trump has focused on public relations: minimizing the seriousness of the epidemic, grossly underestimating the number of cases in the U.S., and organizing a campaign of denial to keep financial markets from decaying to preserve his precious self-image. It did not work, and now we are forced to take draconian measures without the full assistance of the biological and mathematical trends other countries are deploying.

"The buck stops here" Mister President – denying that only verifies the inept manner in which you are trying to lead this country!

**Ed Shaffer**
**Galien**

### Gift card purchases would help local businesses now

**Editor,**

I'd like to suggest that everyone in our community make an effort to support our local small businesses by purchasing gift cards at your favorite restaurants and stores – the higher the amount the better. This will take little effort but it does a lot of good. It provides income to businesses NOW when times are tough, and enables owners to pay their staff and their bills. Later, you can use the gift cards when times return to normal.

**Dar Davis**
**St. Joseph**

# Biden could learn a lesson from Reagan

Joe Biden took another step toward locking up the Democratic nomination on Tuesday. His lead in delegates has begun to look insurmountable.

But now the presidential race enters uncharted territory due to the coronavirus crisis. Tuesday's three primaries may be the last large campaign gatherings for a month or more; at least five other states are postponing their primaries.

**Doyle McManus**

The normal rituals of a campaign – giant rallies, town meetings, barnstorming tours – have been canceled. The Democratic and Republican political conventions, scheduled for July and August, may be next.

So what should Biden do? Here's my advice.

One: Be presidential.

Biden is best when he contrasts himself with President Donald Trump. His strong suit is his eight years as President Barack Obama's vice president – but he has to answer for old votes from his 36 years in the Senate before that.

His strongest moment in his one-on-one debate with Bernie Sanders on Sunday was his crisp answer on how he would address the coronavirus crisis as president.

"First of all, I have to take care of those who, in fact, are exposed or likely to be exposed to the virus, and that means we have to do testing," he said. "Secondly, I would make sure that every state in the union had at least 10 places where they had drive-thru testing arrangements. I would also, at this point, deal with the need to begin to plan for the need for additional hospital beds. ... But we have to deal with the economic fallout quickly, and that means making sure the people who in fact lose their job, don't get a paycheck, can't pay their mortgage, are able to pay it."

David Axelrod, Obama's former political strategist, has often been critical of Biden's campaign, but he pronounced that answer "sensational."

"He sounded like a guy who knew how to handle it," Axelrod said.

In the weeks ahead, expect Biden to praise the Trump administration's actions to stem the epidemic when they work, but draw clear differences on Trump's economic response.

Two: Reach out to Sanders and his voters.

The race for the nomination isn't over unless Sanders drops out. The Vermont senator has every right to compete for votes, especially with primaries on hold in New York, Ohio, Georgia and other states.

But that shouldn't stop Biden and Sanders from reconciling. In Sunday's debate, Sanders was uncharacteristically restrained in his critiques of Biden's positions. At one point, he even said Biden's "heart is in the right place."

Biden, on the other hand, criticized Sanders' "Medicare for All" health care plan and pointed out that a single-payer system in Italy hasn't coped well with the coronavirus epidemic.

He might have been better served by emphasizing what he and Sanders have in common – a commitment to universal health care, for example.

Biden's aides argue that even though he's a moderate Democrat, his platform is more progressive than any previous Democratic nominees, including Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Like Sanders, Biden wants to impose big tax increases on the wealthy – although not as big. Like Sanders, he wants to make college tuition-free for most families, although Biden's plan has an income cap of $125,000.

Sanders' health care plan would go further than Biden's by abolishing private insurance. Biden would allow private plans to continue, but launch a federal plan that anyone could join.

Those differences are deep, but not unbridgeable. Each candidate has said he will support whoever wins the nomination.

Three: Even without rallies, a candidate can make news.

In Sunday's debate, Biden grabbed headlines by promising to choose a woman as his running mate.

The betting among political strategists is that Biden is most likely to choose Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who ran strongly in New Hampshire, dropped out of the race after South Carolina and endorsed the former vice president quickly enough to help him win in Minnesota. Her positions are close to Biden's, and she's thought to have some appeal to white voters in the swing states of the Upper Midwest.

Finally, get plenty of rest.

This year's campaign has produced the mystery of the two Joe Bidens.

He's long been a gaffe machine, prone to stumble over his words or make an impolitic remark. He's been especially tongue-tied in debates with lots of candidates shouting to be heard – but there won't be any more of those.

But he also can be forceful and crisp. He can even be eloquent, as he was in his victory speeches after South Carolina and Super Tuesday. He rarely stumbles in interviews or impromptu exchanges with reporters – as I found when I watched him campaign in Iowa.

At 77, he's undeniably lost a step from the Biden who first ran for president in 1988 or for vice president in 2008. But claims by President Trump and his supporters that Biden suffers from some form of dementia are malicious and don't stand up.

And any voter who watches a highlight reel of Biden's flubs should compare it to Trump's stumbles and lies, which are at least as alarming – and the president is only 73.

Besides, Biden readily admits that he's gaffe-prone. "As long as they compare me to Donald Trump, it's a good thing," he said in Iowa.

Still, any candidate in his 70s should know his limits. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan, then 73, trimmed his reelection campaign appearances to one a day, and mostly read set-piece speeches.

Reagan won 49 states.

*Doyle McManus is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.*

# Illinois, New York join California in ordering lockdowns

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illinois and New York state joined California on Friday in ordering all residents to stay in their homes unless they have vital reasons to go out, restricting the movement of more than 70 million Americans in the most sweeping measures taken yet in the U.S. to contain the coronavirus.

The governors of the three states acted in a bid to fend off the kind of onslaught that has caused the health system in southern Europe to buckle. The lockdowns encompass the three biggest cities in America – New York, Los Angeles and Chicago – as well as No. 8 San Diego and No. 14 San Francisco.

"No, this is not life as usual," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said as the death toll in the U.S. topped 200, with at least 35 in his state. "Accept it and realize it and deal with it."

Cuomo said that starting Sunday, all workers in nonessential businesses must stay home as much as possible, and all gatherings of any size will be banned in the state of over 19 million people. California likewise all but confined its 40 million residents Friday in the biggest lockdown in the nation.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a similar order set to take effect on Saturday for the state's 12.6 million people.

Exceptions were made for essential jobs and errands, such as grocery shopping and obtaining medicine, as well as for exercise.

The lockdowns sent another shudder through the markets, where many fear a recession is a near certainty. Stocks tumbled on Wall Street, closing out their worst week since the financial crisis of 2008. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 900 points, ending the week with a 17 percent loss.

The increasingly drastic measures in the U.S. came as gasping patients filled the wards of hospitals in Spain and Italy, and the global death toll surpassed 11,000, with the virus gaining footholds in new corners of the world.

Italy, the hardest-hit country in Europe, reported 627 new deaths Friday, its biggest day-to-day rise since the outbreak began, and said new cases also shot up. Italy now has seen over 4,000 deaths – more even than China – and 47,000 infections. The soaring numbers came despite a nationwide lockdown.

The World Health Organization noted the epidemic's dramatic speed, pointing out that it took more than three months to reach the first 100,000 confirmed cases but only 12 days to reach the next 100,000. As of Friday, Johns Hopkins University counted more than 260,000 infections worldwide.

Across the U.S., governors and public health officials watched the crisis in Europe with mounting alarm and warned of critical shortages of ventilators, masks and other protective gear at home.

As promised earlier in the week, President Donald Trump officially invoked emergency wartime authority to try to speed production of such equipment.

But while the government has vowed to fix the botched roll-out of widespread virus testing, laboratories reported serious shortages of test supplies such as swabs and chemical components.

Countries frantically prepared for a deluge of patients in the coming weeks.

In Britain, the government asked 65,000 retired nurses and doctors to return to work. A convention center and hotels in Madrid were being turned into field hospitals for nearly 10,000 patients. France's military worked to build a makeshift medical center in the hard-hit town of Mulhouse. The U.S. readied military hospitals for civilian use, and more than 4,000 National Guard members were deployed in 31 states to help distribute food, scrub down surfaces and help in other ways.

Trump also announced the closing of the Mexican border to most travel but not trade. That brings it in line with the restrictions on the Canadian border earlier this week. The income tax filing deadline was also moved from April 15 to July 15.

"We're about to enter into a new way of living here in Los Angeles," Mayor Eric Garcetti said as California went into lockdown. "What we do and how we do it and if we get this right will determine how long this crisis lasts."

The streets of America's cities were quieter than normal Friday – even in many of those communities not under lockdown – but not empty.

In New York, Edjo Wheeler said he knew two people very sick with flu-like symptoms, which can indicate the coronavirus.

"That makes me walk around with my hands in my pocket to make sure I'm not touching things,' said Wheeler, 49, who runs a nonprofit art center. He added: "If everyone doesn't cooperate it's not going to be effective."

The virus has struck at the very identities of many countries: closing down cafes, restaurants and boulevard life in France, ending la dolce vita in Italy, shutting down England's pubs and the ceremonial changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, wrecking sales of tulips in Holland and shuttering the Statue of Liberty in the U.S.

Governments are trying to balance locking down residents with the need to keep food, medicine and other essentials flowing.

In Britain, the category of vital workers includes doctors, nurses and paramedics – and also vicars, truckers, garbage collectors and journalists. In New York, people venturing outside will have to stay at least 6 feet apart. And while they will be free to go out to get some exercise to keep their sanity, there will be no "playing basketball with five other people," Cuomo said.

"These provisions will be enforced," the governor said. "These are not helpful hints."

In Bergamo, the epicenter of the Italian outbreak, cemeteries were overwhelmed. Patients at the city's main hospital lined up in a narrow ward, struggling for breath as doctors and nurses moved swiftly from one beeping machine to the next.

## OBITUARIES

### Viola Ruth Schmidt

Nov. 17, 1927 – March 19, 2020

Viola Ruth Schmidt, 92, of Paw Paw passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020.

She was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Lenox, Mich., the daughter of the late Herman H. Zohr and Elsie A.(Selle) Zohr. Viola loved being around people and playing cards, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and bingo. Over the yeas she participated in card groups, playing pinochle and bowling. In her younger years, she and her husband, Art, enjoyed travel. Raising a family with musical interest, Viola enjoyed singing. Most of all, she loved her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed outdoor activities in earlier years, boating and canoeing. Most recently, Viola enjoyed her time living at The Berkshire in Paw Paw, where she had many friends.

On, Feb. 26, 1949, in Detroit, she married Arthur Schmidt, who preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by her daughter, Caroline (Patrick) Duncan; son, Mark (Peggy) Schmidt; four grandchildren, Heather (Wagner) Parente, Heidi (Brian Hake) Duncan, Joe Broeder and Amanda Broeder; son-in-law, Bill Broeder; and two great-grandchildren, Isabel Parente and Jasmine Parente.

Viola was preceded in death by her daughter, Dianne Broeder; one sister; and two brothers.

Cremation has taken place. The family will hold a memorial service at Adams Funeral Home in Paw Paw at a later date. Please refer to the funeral home website for updates. Viola will be placed to rest in St. Mary Cemetery in Paw Paw.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Share a memory or sign the online guest book at: www.adamspawpaw.com.

### Genevieve Irene Rindfield

Jan. 7, 1925 – March 18, 2020

Genevieve Irene Rindfield, 95, of Berrien Springs went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

She was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Adrian, Mich., to Thomas and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Lowery. On March 22, 1950, she married Adolph Rindfield. He preceded her in death on April 16, 1979. Genevieve retired from Berrien Springs Public Schools and was a member of Bright Star Tabernacle church. She volunteered for the American Legion, was a scout leader and loved watching NASCAR, the Kentucky Derby, reading and putting together puzzles. Genevieve dearly loved her family, and her home was filled with neighborhood children who knew her as Grandma Jenny.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry (Yvonne) Rindfield of Bremen, Ind., and Larry (Madilynn) Rindfield of Berrien Springs; four daughters: Diane Burkhard of Ironwood, Mich., Mary (Bill) Foley of Stevensville, Pamela Sirovica of Hurst, Texas, and Jean (Chuck) Bauer of Fairmont, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

In addition to Adolph, her husband of 29 years, she was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Doris Graf; her brother-in-law, Willard Graf; and one grandchild, Logan Rindfield.

A special thanks goes out to the staff of Caring Circle and Hanson Hospice Center for their care and compassion.

Funeral services for Genevieve are pending. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bright Star Tabernacle, 5130 Old Pipestone Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111. Online messages and memories may be shared at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

### Warrene L. Springsteen

Feb. 14, 1922 – March 19, 2020

Warrene L. Springsteen, 98, of Dowagiac passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Forest Glen Assisted Living.

A private burial in Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Warrene's name may be made to the Fitch E. Root Memorial Camp. Those wishing to sign Warrene's memory book online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Warrene was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Dowagiac, to Joseph and Cecil (Rutherford) Lieber. She graduated from Dowagiac High School in 1940. Warrene was crowned Miss Dowagiac in 1939. On Nov. 15, 1941, she married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Leslie L. Springsteen in Dowagiac. Warrene loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Warrene is survived by her children, Andrea (John) Rosevelt and Tim (Georgann) Springsteen; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leslie Springsteen; and siblings, Paul Lieber, Lucille Burge and Gordon Lieber.

Warrene's family would like to thank the staff at Forest Glen Assisted Living for their love and care.

### Shron Whitelow

Jan. 3, 1974 – Feb. 19, 2020

Shron Whitelow was born Jan. 3, 1974, and passed away Feb. 19, 2020, at his home at Four Flags Apartments in Niles.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, March 28, at Spiritual Vision Church of God in Christ, 871 Carberry Road, Niles, officiated by Pastor Elijah Thompson III.

### Death notices

**Richard Donleve,** 74, of Niles died March 20, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Janice C. Gibson,** 84, formerly of Harbert died March 20, 2020, at The Whitcomb, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Larry D. Habel,** 72, of Galien died March 18, 2020, at home. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

**Idalou "Maurice" Hartlerode,** 95, of Manchester, Mich., formerly of Eau Claire died March 15, 2020. J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Adrian, Mich., (517) 265-2300.

**Virginia R. Jones,** of Dowagiac died March 17, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

**Viola R. Schmidt,** 92, of Paw Paw died March 19, 2020. Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-6347.

**Warrene L. Springsteen,** 98, of Dowagiac died March 19, 2020, at Forest Glen Assisted Living, Dowagiac. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

**Duane Vance,** 67, of Niles died March 19, 2020, at Lakewood Nursing Home, Portage, Mich. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

**Shron Whitelow,** 46, of Niles died Feb. 19, 2020, at home. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

### Karen A. Belter

Dec. 6, 1958 – March 17, 2020

Karen's life began Dec. 6, 1958, in Benton Harbor. She spent most of her childhood in Benton Harbor, and as a teenager they moved to Coloma, where she graduated from high school. Karen had a passion for gardening and loved the beach, where she spent many days when growing up. She loved music and dancing, spending her free time with her grandchildren, family and pets. In 1999 she and her husband, Greg, bought a concession business and spent many festivals and fairs feeding the people of Southwest Michigan. Karen's infectious smile and personality always made you look forward to seeing her. Karen was always there for people, from the elderly to the young, whenever they needed a helping hand and was a second mom to many. Whenever you found yourself in need of guidance or help, Karen would be there for you. She loved hosting family holidays, especially Christmas, reunions, showers and any reason to have a fun get together. People often had a favorite dish or dessert she would make for them. Karen had a big heart, touched many people's lives and will be deeply missed.

Karen's greatest love was her family, which includes: her husband of 41 years, Greg Belter; three children, Rebecca (Jason) Collins, William Belter and Robert (Jenna) Belter; two grandchildren, Jack and Meadow Collins; her parents, Corinne and Everett "Jan" Edgin; five siblings, Marcia Lee, David Foster, Susan Neal, Mark Foster and Bob Foster; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews and great-nephews and nieces.

Karen passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Her dad, Jesse "Buck" Foster, preceded Karen in death.

Karen's family will celebrate her life at a later date. Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting Karen's family with cremation. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Karen's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

### Idalou Maurice Hartlerode

June 12, 1924 – March 15, 2020

Idalou "Maurice" Hartlerode, 95, of Manchester, Mich., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 15, 2020.

Maurice was born on June 12, 1924, in Estelline, Texas, to parents, Everett and Grace Richerson. Maurice graduated from Estelline High School in 1942. She married Charles "Bud" Hartlerode on May 22, 1944. When Bud finished his military service, they moved to Eau Claire, Mich., where they raised their family together. Maurice worked at Chardon Rubber Co. from Nov. 15, 1962, to June 12, 1986, as a quality/production manager and was affectionately nicknamed "The Dragon Lady." In 2009, she moved to Manchester to spend the remainder of her life with her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and John Klama. Throughout her life, Maurice enjoyed gardening, bowling, playing cards, hanging out with friends and reading books. She also enjoyed her naps with Bobbie the Cat.

Maurice was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Grace Richerson; her husband, Charles "Bud" Hartlerode; children, Charles "Terry" Hartlerode, Kevin Hartlerode and Karisa Hartlerode; brothers and sisters, Lillie (Jiggs) Walls, Joyce Richerson, Olen Richerson, Velma Richerson, Betty (Matt) Evans and Monty Richerson.

She is survived by her children: Cheryl (John) Klama of Manchester, Karen (Jim) Windsor of Benton Harbor, Kyle (Sharon) Hartlerode of Coloma, Barb (Roger) Brown of St. Joseph and Joann (Bob) Bailey of Eau Claire. She is also survived by grandchildren: Belinda (Todd) Lingle of Louisville, Ky., Michelle (Don) Robbins of Scottsville, Ky., Beau (CeCe) Hartlerode of Portage, Mich., Alicechia Slain of Kalamazoo, Mich., Jonathan (Shaunna) Hartlerode of Eau Claire, Johnny (Jodi) Klama of Adrian, Mich., Scott Hartman, Joseph (Krystal) Hartlerode of Goshen, Ind., Justin Snyder of Kalamazoo and Cory (Heather) Hartlerode of Eau Claire. Maurice also had 22 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Delores "Judy" (Gail) Peapples of Summerville, S.C., Mary Richerson of Amarillo, Texas, and Lou Richerson of California; and brother, Bruce (Patty) Richerson of Summerville.

A graveside service and celebration of her life will be held on June 13 in Eau Claire. Contact Belinda Lingle for more details. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Elara Caring Hospice – Donation, 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 49202.

# Most renters won't receive protections under proposal

By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Most Americans who rent their home, many of whom have lost their jobs in the sudden economic slowdown caused by the coronavirus outbreak, will not be eligible for eviction protections, despite what President Donald Trump said this week.

Under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's plan released Wednesday, foreclosures and evictions would stop for 60 days on single-family homes with loans through the Federal Housing Administration. That would apply to roughly 8 million units, according to HUD. Only FHA homes lived in for at least a year can be rented out.

That's compared with the roughly 43 million households who rented in 2019, according to the U.S. Census. Roughly half of renters rent their home from an individual investor, while the other half rent from a business or multi-unit property owner. The ones renting from a business will not receive any protections according to HUD's proposal.

"That's the problem with (HUD's proposal). It only impacts a very small amount of people. We need big-scale solutions," said Andrea Shapiro of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, a New York-based housing advocacy organization.

Furthermore, HUD has no power to protect renters in public housing authorities located across the country. HUD Secretary Ben Carson said this week on Twitter that the agency is working with Congress to get that authority to protect renters in public housing authorities.

"HUD has been in contact with every Public Housing Agency in the country to ensure the millions of low-income Americans we serve continue to have a roof over their head," Carson said.

The rules are in contrast to comments made by Trump this week, who said renters would get "immediate relief" as part of his administration's plan.

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 25 years ago – 1995

Six soccer fields and a large pavilion off Maiden Lane aren't the goals of some St. Joseph Township residents, but township officials say there's time to revise the plan while they apply for a development grant.

About 15 residents said the development with a pavilion for 300-400 people and public bathrooms could cause problems, as Maiden Lane is too small to handle increased traffic and the two-way stop intersections at Washington and Lincoln are inadequate as well.

### 35 years ago – 1985

The widening of Hilltop Road in St. Joseph city and township, scheduled to start this year, has been delayed until 1986 because of the unavailability of funding. MDOT will not release funds for the project until next year.

In addition to widening two lanes to four on Hilltop Road, Washington Ave. will be widened between Niles and Hilltop and a stoplight will be installed at the Washington-Hilltop intersection.

### 50 years ago – 1970

In an "Expo" setting – as modern as tomorrow – Deborah McClellan was named Miss Benton Harbor of 1970 last night from among 55 contestants. The new Miss Benton Harbor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClellan and is a senior at Benton Harbor High School.

First runner-up was Stella Rolfe and second runner-up was Beth Forburger, also the 1970 Twin Cities Junior Miss. Both runners-up are also seniors at BHHS.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Today is Saturday, March 21, the 81st day of 2020. There are 285 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

**On this date:**

In 1871, journalist Henry M. Stanley began his famous expedition in Africa to locate the missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone.

In 1918, during World War I, Germany launched its Spring Offensive on the Western Front, hoping to break through the Allied lines before American reinforcements could arrive. (Although successful at first, the Spring Offensive ultimately failed.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in Dunn v. Blumstein, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1976, champion skier Vladimir "Spider" Sabich was shot and killed by his girlfriend, actress-singer Claudine Longet, in the home they had shared in Aspen, Colorado; Longet, who maintained the shooting was an accident, served 30 days in jail for negligent homicide.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Scattered Rain | Scattered Rain |
| 34° | 28° | 38° / 32° | 43° / 36° | 48° / 40° | 49° / 42° |

### Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 49%. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 28°. East northeast wind 2 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 22°.

### Sun and Moon

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunrise | 7:46 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:59 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 6:58 a.m. |
| Moonset | 5:25 p.m. |

| New | First | Full | Last |
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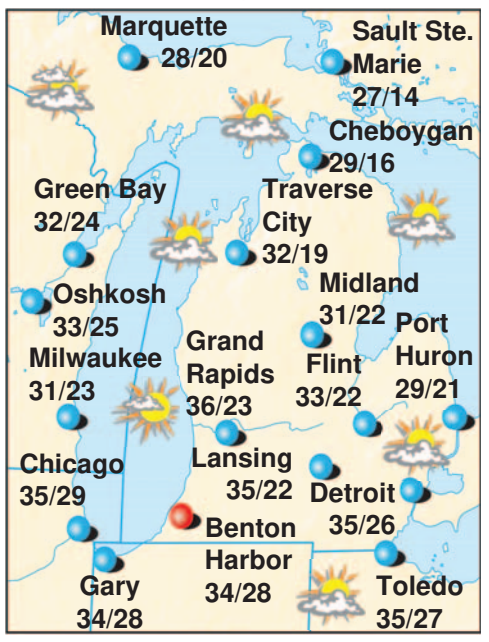
| 3/24 | 4/1 | 4/7 | 4/14 |

### Regional Map




### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 41° |
| Low | 29° |
| Normal High | 48° |
| Normal Low | 30° |
| Record High | 84° in 2012 |
| Record Low | 19° in 2009 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 1.35" |
| Normal for month | 1.48" |
| Year to date | 6.27" |
| Normal Year to date | 4.65" |

### Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 35

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

**0-50** ..... Good
**51-100** ..... Moderate
**101-150** .... Sensitive
**151-200** .. Unhealthy

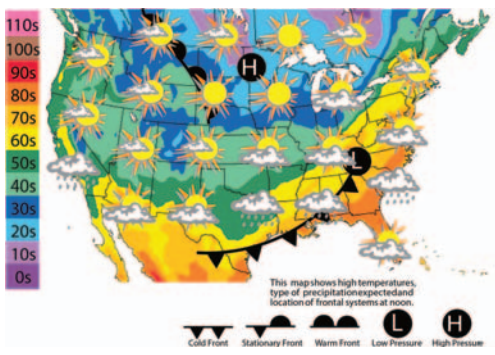
### Weather Trivia

*What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?*

**Answer:** In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling $625 million.

### National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 21, 2020

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### Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind 7 to 10 kt. Sunny. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 7 to 11 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

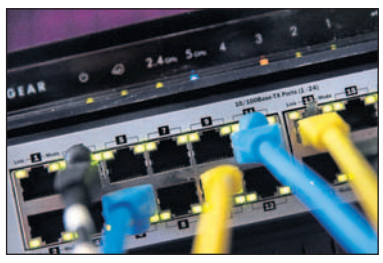
Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. South southeast wind 1 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 3 to 10 mph.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 20s and 30s. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s and 40s. East wind 3 to 7 mph.

# Home internet jammed up? Try these steps

**By FRANK BAJAK**
AP Technology Writer



Charles Krupa / AP

A router and internet switch.

With so much of the U.S. workforce – and their families – now cooped up at home to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus, it's not a huge surprise that home internet is showing the strain.

If you've had a business videoconference stutter while your teenagers play Call of Duty online, or found yourself unable to stream the news while your spouse uploads huge data files for work, you'll have a good idea of the problem.

### Is there a bandwidth problem?

The internet's core is managing the spike in traffic just fine, experts say. It has massive capacity to handle Netflix, YouTube, Zoom and other streaming services.

True, Netflix has just throttled down its video quality in Europe at the request of authorities there. But the company already stores its programs on servers close to users' homes already, and there's no evidence that it's clogging networks.

### If the internet is so sturdy, why does my home connection stutter?

The problem partly lies in the so-called "last mile," the link that connects your home to the ultra-high speed internet backbone.

Most U.S. homes get their internet from cable companies and thus connect to the broader network via coaxial cable, a legacy of the cable TV era. These connections provide faster "downstream" speeds to your home than "upstream" speeds back to the internet. Since videoconferencing sends equal amounts of data both ways, simultaneous sessions can clog the upstream channel and disrupt service for the entire household.

If that happens, one quick solution is to have some family members switch to audio-only, which conserves bandwidth. This also applies to anyone in multiplayer online games, where – per a wag on Twitter – the banter between players often resembles conference calls with occasional shooting.

You could also order a service upgrade, although that might not be strictly necessary. Some providers are temporarily offering more bandwidth, particularly for families with school-age children, in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Others have dropped service caps that charge extra when data usage passes a certain threshold.

The relatively few U.S. households with their own direct fiber-optic connections have the same bandwidth in both directions and shouldn't experience serious hiccups.

### Does my home network need an upgrade?

It might. Start with your internet modem, the device that most likely has a coax cable connecting it to your wall. Your internet provider often rents the modem to you.

If it's several years old, it's probably time to ask your provider if upgrading the modem's internal software, or replacing the modem entirely, will help. Older modems often can't deliver the full bandwidth you're paying for to your household.

Next up is your Wi-Fi router. If you have cable, it may be built into your modem. If you haven't already, try moving it to a more central location in your home or apartment; that will ensure bandwidth is distributed more equally.

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Whether it's for grant proposals, program development, news releases and educational initiatives such as the workshops it puts on, Schnell said census data is super important for any area nonprofit organization.

But the census doesn't provide everything an LGBT organization would like it to and that's why the change this year is only a step in the right direction.

The census still only allows an individual to select male or female as their sex, when, in fact, a number of gender identities exist.

"(The census) erases non-binary, gender-fluid and transgender people by not allowing them to check or fill in their gender identity," Schnell said. "It may seem small to folks, but this is a huge omission for those in our community most under attack these days."

She said when governmental forms include lesbian, gay and bisexual, but exclude transgender and every other gender identity, it sends a message, and not a good one.

"The message is divisive and non-inclusionary within and outside of our communities," Schnell said. "We need this updated as soon as possible but it won't happen until 2030 – if folks get out and vote for the rights and recognition of LGB, and especially T+ folks."

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their census by going to My2020Census.gov or calling 844-330-2020, or, for the local households who received the paper survey, they can complete and return it in the postage-paid envelope," Stady said.

### Making it accessible

Stady and Lisa Cripps-Downey, president of the Berrien Community Foundation, say there is absolutely no reason not to fill out the census for your household.

But, some may still struggle to complete it because of lack of phone or internet access, or a permanent address.

That's where the Berrien Community Foundation comes in.

Cripps-Downey said she was at a conference last year where they talked about the census, how important it is, the fear of undercounting in our communities and what that could mean for our community.

"My original question was, who is the hub and how do I help? We didn't have a hub, so just knowing what an important issue this is for our community, we decided to become that hub. We were lucky to bring Kathy on to take this project and move forward. It worked out very well," she said.

Stady and the staff at the Berrien Community Foundation got to work on how it could bolster census participation for those hard to count people in the county.

With the foundation's already established connections with area nonprofits, it decided to make grants available to them, with help from the Upton Foundation and Whirlpool Corp., to hold census events.

"The challenge has been trying to make sure we talk to as many people and as many groups as possible, as well as connecting with nonprofit organizations that have the trust of some of the hard to count populations so that we make sure that everybody knows just how important this is to our everyday life," Cripps-Downey said.

An example of a population that is at risk for being undercounted are people who are couch surfing.

"There's a significant population," Cripps-Downey said. "You can go on to the census site and say that you don't have a permanent residence and you can fill in where you anticipate you're going to be, whether that's it's an intersection or a park. It's wherever you call home."

She said that applies to snowbirds who may only live in Michigan half of the year.

"We're encouraging people to fill out the census for where your heart calls home. We hope that's here," Cripps-Downey said.

Cripps-Downey said the U.S. Census Bureau has also found that children are undercounted.

"Children count fully in the census. Every single one," she said. "There can be confusion if a child lives with parents in separate households, who is going to count the child? We would encourage everyone to fill that out for your children. The census is going to come back and look at any duplication. It's important that we get everybody to fill that out for anyone in your household."

The nonprofits that got grants to put on census events have postponed their events until after the coronavirus emergency is lifted, but Stady said new dates will be posted at BeCountedBerrien.org.

Those events will have internet access available for people to come and complete their census.

Stady said once libraries are open again, they can also help people fill out their census.

"We want to knock down as many barriers as possible and make it easily accessible for everyone," Cripps-Downey said.

### What is at stake?

Those "hard to count people" account for about 30,000 people in Berrien County alone.

Cripps-Downey said if they aren't counted, that's about $44 million a year for 10 years that is lost.

"That's a low estimate actually," she said "That $44 million includes the top 16 census funded programs. When you include everything, we're looking at over half a billion dollars over that 10-year period because each person who fills out the census is worth $1,800 per year for 10 years."

Kim Gallagher with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) said an undercount of 10 percent in Berrien County would lose the Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority (TCATA) about $125,000 a year in funding.

TCATA uses those funds for Dial-A-Ride, along with other programs.

Gallagher said each Dial-A-Ride route costs about $250,000 a year to operate.

"That's why it's so important to get the word out to get the hard-to-count populations counted," she said. "The people who are most vulnerable and in need are the ones who need public transportation and they are the heart of the county."

In addition, Gallagher said the SWMPC uses census data for nearly all of its work.

"When we're planning new transit routes we are looking at the demographic information to see how many people are within a five-minute walk of the stop, how many low-income residents are there, how many seniors are in the area, etc.," she said.

Road projects require census data too.

Brandon Kovnat, a transportation planner with the SWMPC, said about 50 percent of state road funding comes from population data from the census. The rest is based on road miles in the area getting the funding.

He said in Berrien County, only three municipalities have their own additional road millage, so most road improvement projects are paid for with money based off the census.

### It's safe and confidential

Despite some attempts from the Trump administration, there is not a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

"There is still an uncertainty, but everyone needs to be counted," Stady said. "All immigrants, documented, undocumented and green card holders. If you live here, you count."

One of the biggest things Stady and Cripps-Downey want people to know is that the census is completely safe and confidential.

"It's private by law and your individual information can not be shared with anyone," Stady said. "Not any government entity, local police, a landlord, not with a bill collector. Anyone that you don't want to know where you are or how many people live in your home, it can not be shared."

Cripps-Downey said they've heard of people being nervous about saying how many people actually live in their home.

"If your landlord thinks you have four people living here, but you actually have seven people, you fill out the census for all seven. No one is going to inform anyone," she said. "Filling out the census cannot be shared with any authority."

### Some other things of note

Stady and Cripps-Downey want to remind people that if you haven't filled out the census by April 30, then a worker from the Census Bureau might come to your door to get you to complete it.

"There's been some discussion about scams," Stady said. "The Census Bureau will never ask for money, a credit card number or for social security numbers. They do not need any of that information. If someone asks you for that, we recommend you call your local law enforcement officers."

But the census does ask for your phone number just in case there are any questions about your form.

For more information about the census, visit becountedberrien.org, or 2020census.gov.

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# Brady signs with Bucs

**By FRED GOODALL**
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A new look for the NFL: Tom Brady in Tampa Bay pewter and red rather than Patriots red, white and blue.

The six-time Super Bowl champion quarterback signed a two-year contract in free agency on Friday, embarking on a "new football journey" with the Buccaneers. The deal guarantees $50 million and includes a $10 million signing bonus and $15 million salary for 2020.

The 42-year-old quarterback who spent the first 20 years of his career with the Patriots announced his decision in an Instagram post, adding he's thankful for the opportunity.

"Excited, humble and hungry ... If there is one thing I have learned about football, it's that nobody cares what you did last year or the year before that," Brady wrote.

"I look forward to meeting all my new teammates and coaches and proving to them that they can believe and trust in me," the four-time Super Bowl MVP added. "I have always believed that well done is better than well said, so I'm gonna not gonna say much more. I'm just gonna get to work!"

The signing comes three days after Brady announced on social media that he would not return to New England, ending his historic run with the Patriots.

He joins an offense that led the NFL in passing yards last season, featuring a pair of 1,000-yard receivers in Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, tight ends O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate, and a young, developing running back in Ronald Jones.

What the Bucs didn't have in 2019, when they went 7-9 and missed the playoffs for the 12th straight season was a quarterback who protected the football.

Brady, who turns 43 in August, will be counted on to change that. His career 1.79 interception percentage is the second-best ever behind Aaron Rodgers among players with at least 2,500 career pass attempts.

"Tom is the most successful quarterback in the history of our league, but what makes him so special is his ability to make those around him better," Bucs coach Bruce Arians said.

"I have had the privilege to work with some of the best passers in our game, and the characteristics they all possessed were the ability to lead and get the best out of their teammates. Tom is no different," Arians added. "He is a proven winner who will provide the leadership, accountability and work ethic necessary to lead us to our goal of winning another championship."

Arians, who's in his second year with Tampa Bay, has worked with Peyton Manning, Ben Roethlisberger, Andrew Luck and Carson Palmer during a long NFL coaching career.

The Bucs haven't made the playoffs since 2007 and don't have a postseason win since their Super Bowl championship run in 2002.

Bucs general manager Jason Licht worked for the Patriots when New England drafted Brady in the sixth round – No. 199 overall – in 2000.

"Tom is a proven champion who has achieved greatness on the field because he demands the best out of himself and his teammates," Licht said.

"Through this process it became very clear that his desire to be a champion burns as strong today as it ever has," Licht added. "He possesses the type of rare natural leadership qualities that will immediately impact our entire organization."

Brady appeared in nine Super Bowls and 13 AFC championship games with the Patriots. New England won 17 division titles during

The three-time league MVP is coming off what generally is regarded as the worst non-injury season of his career, throwing for 4,057 yards and 24 touchdowns vs. eight interceptions in his final season with the Patriots.

Still, New England won 12 games before a sputtering offense was held to 13 points in a first-round playoff loss to the Tennessee Titans.

Jameis Winston, meanwhile, was a turnover machine with Tampa Bay, leading the league with 5,109 passing yards while also becoming the first "30-30" player in NFL history with 33 TD passes and 30 interceptions.

Opponents returned a league-record seven interceptions for touchdowns last season. Winston also lost five fumbles, with opponents converting his combined 35 turnovers into 112 points.

"It's not a talent issue, it's a performance issue ... turning the ball over," Arians said after the season, summing up why the Bucs, who scored a franchise-best 458 points in 2019, were unable to end their long playoff drought.

## PHOTO OF THE DAY

Don Campbell / HP staff See more photos: heraldpalladium.mycapture.com

**Lakeshore's Ben Anderson is fouled by Portage Northern's Jeff Wilson during the first half of a Division 1 district quarterfinal March 9 at St. Joseph High School.**

# USA Swimming urges delay of Tokyo Games

**By EDDIE PELLS**
AP National Writer

DENVER — The head of USA Swimming urged the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee to push for a 12-month postponement of the Tokyo Games, signaling the first fissure between powerful American factions attempting to maneuver the U.S. team through the coronavirus crisis.

CEO Tim Hinchey sent a letter Friday to his counterpart at the USOPC, Sarah Hirshland, calling for the delay. "Everyone has experienced unimaginable disruptions, mere months before the Olympic Games, which calls into question the authenticity of a level playing field for all," Hinchey wrote. "Our athletes are under tremendous pressure, stress and anxiety, and their mental health and wellness should be among the highest priorities."

Only hours earlier, the USOPC leaders essentially repeated the IOC line – that while athlete safety was a top priority, it was too soon to employ drastic measures.

They showed no appetite for getting out front on the postponement issue, which is gaining more steam among athletes, some Olympic leaders and, now, one of America's most high-profile national governing bodies.

"The decision about the games doesn't lie directly with us," said USOPC board chair Susanne Lyons. "It lies with the World Health Organization, the Japanese government and the IOC. Under no circumstance would the USOPC send athletes into harm's way if it didn't think it was safe."

Left unsaid was the impact the USOPC's voice could have in moving toward a postponement. In theory, no national Olympic federation has more power to alter the shape of an Olympics than the one in the U.S., which brings 550 athletes and its billion-dollar broadcaster, NBC, to the show every two years. "We urge the USOPC, as a leader within the Olympic Movement, to use its voice and speak up for the athletes," Hinchey wrote. Hirshland did not have any immediate reaction to the letter. At their earlier media availability, both she and Lyons reiterated much of what has already been said by IOC President Thomas Bach, whose most recent interview in The New York Times stated that plans are going forward for a Tokyo Games, whether they start July 24 or some other time.

# Top Flyer: Dayton's Obi Toppin leads AP All-American team

**By JOHN MARSHALL**
AP Basketball Writer

The college basketball season came to an emphatic, dramatic end with the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament. The dream of playing under the bright lights of March Madness, of possibly hoisting a national championship trophy, wiped out by the coronavirus.

For a handful of players, earning a postseason honor offers a glimmer of happiness amid the uncertainty.

"Getting these awards, it brings brightness to my life right now," Seton Hall's Myles Powell said. "To have it end so quickly was just like ... man."

Powell added to his load Friday when he joined Dayton's Obi Toppin, Iowa's Luka Garza, Marquette's Markus Howard and Oregon's Payton Pritchard on The Associated Press All-America first team.

Toppin was the lone unanimous choice, receiving 65 votes from a nationwide media panel after averaging 20 points and 7 rebounds while shooting 63 percent in a breakout season. The 6-foot-9 sophomore helped the third-ranked Flyers match the program's highest ranking and be on track for a potential No. 1 seed before the NCAA Tournament was shelved. He is Dayton's first first-team AP All-American.

"I feel like everybody just knew what they had to do to help the next person succeed and that's why I was so successful this year," Toppin said. "I thank my teammates every single day for that."

Garza blossomed into one of college basketball's best players as a junior. A 6-11 forward, he increased his scoring average more than 10 points from a year ago to 23.9 per game, averaged 9.8 rebounds and shot 54 percent from the floor.

Garza set Iowa's single-season scoring record with 740 points and is the first Big Ten player since Ohio State's Dennis Hopson in 1987 to have at least 20 points in 16 straight conference games. He is Iowa's first first-team All-American since Chuck Darling in 1952.

"I never could have envisioned this," Garza said. "It's honestly crazy, but it's what I did all the work for and what I'm going to continue to strive for. It kind of adds motivation for me just knowing that putting in the hard work, it can all pay off and makes me grateful for the situation I'm in and the program I'm at."

## HOMETOWN HEROES

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**The Lakeshore Youth Wrestling Club 8U team placed fourth at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) state finals on March 1. Front row, left: Tyler Burgess, Liam Vree, Eli Bailey, Jaxton Coyer, Brady Jacobs. Middle row, left: Malachi Wheaton, Aidan Case, Chase Jacobs, Hampton Middleton, Bryson Coyer, Payson Mashke, Cavan Johnson, Lennox Turner. Back row: coaches Craig Lapekas, Chris Coyer, Mike Jacobs, Ryan Middleton, Corey Johnson.**

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Paul Buescher sits by his ham radio in Northfield Center Township, Ohio. Buescher is one of 32 members of a group in northeastern Ohio that shares a farm packed with enough canned and dehydrated food and water to last for years.

## Not exactly gloating, stockpiling 'preppers' having their moment

By JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

Photo provided / Paul Buescher / AP

Water is stored in stacks of 2-liter bottles in a barn near Garrettsville, Ohio.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Curt La Haise has put up with plenty of razzing from friends over the years who have called him paranoid for stockpiling an eight-month supply of food in his basement and having enough fuel to power his generator for almost an entire winter.

They're not laughing anymore amid panic buying that has cleared store shelves across the U.S. and growing fears that the new coronavirus will force many Americans to self-quarantine for weeks in their homes.

"Now my friends are like, 'What should I do, what should I get?'" said La Haise, who operates a firearms and safety training business near Sun Prairie, Wis. "Prepping doesn't look so bad now."

For those in the often-mocked "prepper" community, this is quickly becoming their "I told you so" moment. But many are resisting saying that, even if it's in the back of their minds. What they hope is that they'll finally be taken seriously and that more people will follow their lead.

"We're not laughing. We're not saying, 'I told you so,' when people are out there fighting over toilet paper and hand sanitizers," said Paul Buescher, of Northfield Center Township, Ohio.

Buescher is one of 32 members of a group in northeastern Ohio that shares a farm packed with enough canned and dehydrated food and water to last for years. He said he is now getting calls all day long asking for advice.

Survival supply stores can't keep up with the demand for food kits and medical supplies.

"Every single business that has to do with emergency preparedness is overloaded," said John Ramey, founder of a Colorado-based prepper website called The Prepared.

Most preppers say they are about self-reliance and common sense and are quick to distance themselves from the "doomsday preppers" who are depicted on TV shows awaiting the day most of the world's population is wiped off the map.

"The vast majority of this is 'beans and Band-Aids,' not 'bullets and bunkers,'" Ramey said.

Jim Cobb, a disaster readiness consultant and editor-in-chief of Prepper Survival Guide magazine, said he has seen a few fellow preppers gloating on social media about people who are crowding stores in search of disinfectants.

"I hate the thought of alienating any of them because they think were a bunch of elitist goofballs." he said. "We're trying to take advantage of the opportunity that for once they're not laughing and pointing fingers at us."

While most people who have tested positive for the new coronavirus experience only mild or moderate symptoms, there's a greater danger and longer recovery period for older adults and people with existing health problems.

Experts say it's most important to practice safe hygiene: Wash hands frequently, cover sneezes and coughs, and stay home if fever or other symptoms arise.

As for the preppers, they have their own recommendations for anyone who is unsure of what to do next:

■ Be ready to stay at home for at least two weeks. Have plenty of food and water. Don't forget about your pets and medicines. That includes over-the-counter products for fevers and coughs.

■ Yes, toilet paper is important, but so are hand sanitizers, disinfectants, sanitation wipes, eye protection and gloves.

■ Get your finances in order. Make sure you can pay your bills and have cash on hand.

■ Maybe most important, relax and don't panic. And pay attention to the news and what's happening around you.

## A place where disaster preparation is a way of life

By JAWEED KALEEM
Los Angeles Times

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David Gillmore, 61, and his wife Sue Gillmore, 63, pray before eating lunch at home in Shelley, Idaho. They are both members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. For Mormons, preparation for disaster has been part of the faith since the 1850s, when church leader Brigham Young told followers to store wheat to avoid winter starvation after settlers colonized the rough Utah desert.

SHELLEY, Idaho — It was January when David Gillmore went to Home Depot for face masks before logging onto Amazon, where he bought a plastic sign that read, "DANGER: KEEP OUT QUARANTINE."

There were no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. at the time, and, at 61, he was healthier than ever, having recently lost dozens of pounds on a potato-based diet.

But Gillmore and his wife, Sue, have been preparing for a disaster for decades. They were certain that store shelves would empty as danger spread. They stuffed the masks in the basement, next to hundreds of rolls of toilet paper and dozens of cans of fruit and boxed grains neatly arranged on chrome wire shelves.

They held hands and prayed, they said, thinking over words from the 19th-century scripture that guides them: "If ye are prepared, ye shall not fear."

Shelley, a town of 4,409 in southeastern Idaho between the Snake River and Blackfoot Mountains, is likely to be among the last places to know the coronavirus.

Less than 2 square miles, the village of potato farmers is hours from the nearest confirmed cases in Washington, Utah and Wyoming. Downtown's State Street is quiet most days with empty storefronts. It's rare to have a visitor from another part of the country, let alone another part of the world.

But this is also the center of Mormon country, a community where nearly every resident is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in a state also long-known as a haven for survivalists.

For Mormons, preparation for disaster has been part of the faith since the 1850s, when church leader Brigham Young told followers to store wheat to avoid winter starvation after settlers colonized the rough Utah desert.

Today, the church advises members to have between a three-month and one-year supply of food, water and cash. And it runs bulk warehouses that sell items at cost to help.

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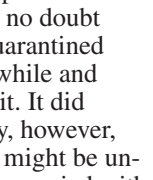
## How I'm reacting to the COVID-19 pandemic

Pat Arter
Generations



Whenever I hear a siren, my first thought is, "Where are my family members?"

That started when I was a young mom. It continues to this day, and now includes three grandchildren.

Lately, it feels like sirens are going off 24/7. Not the real police and fire sirens, but the sirens alerting us to moment-to-moment updates and changes surrounding the coronavirus.

I don't scare easily. I've worked with fire departments, and have had significant emergency management training. I've worked in municipal management for 20 years and have been at the Area Agency on Aging for 15 years, working with senior volunteers and the vulnerable adult population.

But what is this? What am I supposed to do with this?

While I confess I've had some anxious moments, and reality-based concerns, I'm mostly setting that aside to focus on what I can control instead of what I can't.

My husband and I actually had a minor blow-up this week over the most ridiculous thing – the best way to cook the spaghetti squash. Thirty seconds later we both apologized, then laughed.

We acknowledged respective stress points and hugged. I have no doubt we could be quarantined together for a while and actually enjoy it. It did register quickly, however, the way we all might be unknowingly preoccupied with concerns that can color our reaction to simple matters.

That's when I decided I'm going to remain the person whose cup is at least half full.

I'm not going to tell you what to do to stay safe. My guess is you've heard it at least 1,000 times. I can only share my personal perspective in this moment.

One thing I'm going to do is find ways to support the local businesses in my community. For some, a couple months closure could be devastating, even resulting in closing the business permanently. I can purchase a gift certificate to use later – even for this summer – and it may help them through this time. Maybe even use some of them for Christmas gifts.

I'm going to check on my neighbors. You likely know people in your neighborhood who might be elderly or disabled, or perhaps that mom home with three kids who would be so grateful to have someone pick up a gallon of milk for them.

I stopped by a small local grocery store the other day, and had, surprisingly, picked a pretty quiet moment to pop in. There were only two of us in the check-out lane, each with few items. We didn't know each other, but naturally had a bit of conversation, a very pleasant one.

No, we weren't standing 6 feet apart. While I am being cautious, it just was not yet natural to do that. At one point he said, "We're supposed to be afraid of each other now, aren't we?"

It wasn't a question, just a melancholy remark, human to human. But, that's not where my heart is. I'm not going to be afraid.

When I come home from work, my dog is so happy just to see me. She dances

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# This too shall pass over

**David Hills**
Insights

Knowing his daughter had been learning about the 10 plagues that God sent upon Egypt to force Pharaoh to free the Jewish people, a father asked: "Can you name all of the 10 plagues?"

Her brow furrowed for a moment, but then she blurted out rapidly "The first plague, the second plague, the third plague ..." You can guess where she was going.

COVID-19 is not a plague, per se, but it is a pandemic.

At this point, for many of us, there is little distinction. Our lives have been turned upside down by something that can only be seen under a microscope. It is troubling, to say the least, but we are hardly the first to endure such a thing. The list of plagues and pandemics recorded throughout human history isn't short.

Given we are in Lent, the season that inevitably leads us to Holy Week and Easter, I've been thinking about the first Passover. If you recall, that also was the occasion of the 10th and final plague.

When none of the first nine plagues softened Pharaoh's heart to free God's people from slavery, God told Moses and Aaron to speak to the entire community of Israel. They were to relay God's directions for how the people of Israel were to prepare for what was coming. It sounds a bit like a "quarantine in place" kind of plan.

To paraphrase: "On the 10th day of the month, each man is to take a lamb for his household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share it with their nearest neighbors. The animals you choose must be year-old males, without defect. On the 14th day, you shall slaughter them at twilight, take some of the blood and put it on the tops and sides of the doorframes of your house, then roast and eat the lamb, along with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. Eat it quickly, with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. On that same night, I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of people and animals. But the blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see it, I will pass over you."

There is a good bit more detail, to be sure, but the basics are there. A plague is coming. Prepare, stay inside until it has passed over you, then be ready to travel.

In this season of Lent, many of us are now practicing social distancing and quarantining in place while the spreading menace of COVID-19 is breeding fear, disrupting commerce, making a mess of the economy, and threatening the most vulnerable among us.

God certainly isn't doing this to us. (If anything, we've done it to ourselves.) God also isn't asking us to resort to animal sacrifice to repaint our doorframes to avoid being touched by this disease, because some of us no doubt will be. But there may be some wisdom for us.

As we spend more time at home in the coming weeks, rather than seeing it as an inconvenience, what if we saw it as an opportunity? An opportunity to reconnect with God, our families, our own souls.

What if, instead of streaming the day away on Netflix, or worse, watching cable news all day, we instead stopped to pray together, read together, play together, sing together, be creative together? Maybe even give thanks together.

Not all of us will make it through this pandemic, but we can be assured God isn't doing this to us or anyone. To the contrary, God is with all of us in the midst of all of this, and when we get out on the other side, when this pandemic, like every other, has passed over us, God will still be with us as we grieve the loss of life and begin to seek a new normal.

If we are wise, we also will come away with a greater sense of how to love God and neighbor, because we will have seen once again that, despite all our differences, we are all still connected in one great human family.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

**Summer is a 4-year-old Chihuahua mix. She is sweet, and loves to play or cuddle on your lap. Summer can be shy until she gets to know you. Other dogs and cats can be her friends. Summer is on medication for seizures, is current on vaccines, and is set to be spayed soon. For more information, contact Paws of Hope at 340-0272 or paws4ever2012@gmail.com.**

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK**

# Inviting Craftsman design

It's the little details that really stand out in this Craftsman design, like the wraparound porch. A fireplace in the great room keeps things warm during the colder months.

The main-level master sports plenty of storage space with a walk-in closet. Upstairs, you will find three additional bedrooms (two feature access to the top deck) and a bathroom.

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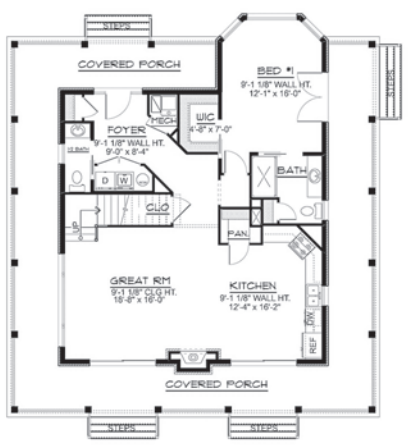


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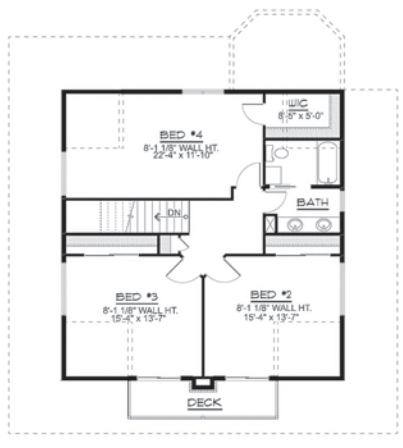


2ND FLOOR PLAN

**Design number:** 1064-15
**Bedrooms:** 4
**Baths:** 2 1/2
**Square footage:** 2,157 square feet
**Dimensions:** 44-feet by 48-feet
**Framing:** 2-by-6

## PREP

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The Gillmores have enough to last them four years, and they grow much of it themselves.

"You never know what is around the corner," Sue, 63, said recently as she fed kale to hens in her backyard coop.

"Better to be ready than be sorry," said David, as he watered a bed of strawberry bushes that were nearing bloom.

The Mountain West is home to some of the least populated states in the country, with – so far – the lowest infection rates.

Yet few places may be better prepared than the heart of Idaho's Mormon-heavy potato region, where the population of Shelley triples each September for the "spud day" festival and the high school mascot is the Russet.

The football field-sized Army Surplus Warehouse on South Daisy Lane, one of the largest in the nation, sold 100,000 face masks before March, two weeks before President Donald Trump said he would shut down most travel from Europe.

At the church-run Home Storage Center in Idaho Falls, 5.5-pound cans of black beans are advertised year-round in big letters for $6.25 with a "30-year shelf life," but the pallets have gone empty as the minority of non-Mormons have given up on big-box stores to find alternatives.

Far down a dirt road, the Gillmores have an address that requires GPS coordinates to find on a map. Their 3,240-square-foot house runs on solar energy, is heated by a wood-burning oven, and the water comes from a well with a backup hand pump.

In the backyard, two 800-square-feet greenhouses allow a bounty of avocados, onions, peppers, kale, loquat and grapefruit to grow in temperatures that feel like a spring day on the Central Coast. They eat the fresh food and can the rest.

Sue, an herbalist, tends to a garden of dozens of spices and flowers that she dries and stores downstairs, including chamomile, echinacea and lavender.

David, a former scoutmaster, spends his days teaching online marketing to small-business owners via Zoom, and runs a YouTube account called "LDS Prepper." He sold water filtration systems online until a few weeks ago, when supplies ran out.

Mormons believe in self-reliance, with the church encouraging "the ability, commitment, and effort to provide the necessities of life for self and family."

The tradition comes in part from the fact that Mormons for much of their history faced persecution for their belief in prophets they say came after Jesus and, for a time, in polygamy. The practice is banned today in the faith of 16 million people, fewer than half of whom live in the U.S.

For the Gillmores, preparation also comes from experience.

Growing up outside Sacramento in an Army family, David always had a ready supply of food. So did Sue, who was raised in San Luis Obispo by a botanist. But seven years of marriage passed before they began to go beyond the average Mormon family.

It was 1989. They lived in Salinas when the magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake struck. Homes crumbled, roads cracked and electrical poles snapped. As communities returned to normal, the couple filled a rental truck with boxes of wheat, cereal and powdered milk to bring back home.

They're still stacked, unopened, floor-to-ceiling in their Idaho basement. The Gillmores don't believe in expiration dates. "The food can still be fine; it just may not taste as good," David said.

Their collection grew each time they moved to be closer to family in bigger homes and as and nature won more battles with modern life. Snowed-in by the mountains in El Dorado County near Sacramento. Hit with an earthquake near Gig Harbor by Puget Sound. And, living outside Houston in 2008, surviving off a generator for two weeks after Hurricane Ike.

Empty-nesters, they downsized from a gated Texas community five years ago to off the grid in a quieter, no-frills neighborhood where deer and coyotes roam.

"I want to live my life as stress-free as possible," David said. "We sleep better when we're not worried about what will hit."

He and Sue still have the decades-old boxes of Frosted Flakes they had stored away for their daughter and three sons, each now adults. One son runs a survivalist business in Idaho Falls, where he sells bags to protect computers from electromagnetic pulses. A nearby daughter works at an attorney's office and goes no further than storing food. A son in San Diego has perhaps a few months of food, and another son lives in Arizona, where he keeps no supplies.

None take matters as seriously as David and Sue, who these days embrace an unusual sense of vindication. Still, the coronavirus is different than anything they've seen before, bigger and more cosmic.

It's something they are seeking to avoid, while realizing it may not be possible.

No more are Friday date nights at Smokin' Fin, their favorite seafood restaurant 20 minutes away in downtown Idaho Falls. The same goes for most church services. On the rare occasion that David has attended Sunday sacrament meetings, he's sat in the back pew so he's not surrounded on all sides and washed his hands immediately upon returning home.

## GENERATIONS

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and talks to me and rolls over for belly rubs. Our furry friends are fortunately oblivious to this worldwide health event. I want to be more like her. There's no reason I can't still dance.

And, my Christmas cactus starting to bloom ... again. Today is a good day.

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## CHURCH NOTES

**Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ**, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will continue its six-week Lenten series, "The Final Words From the Cross," on Facebook at 10 a.m. Sunday. This week, the Rev. Adam Bohland will speak on "Today you will be with me in paradise" based on Luke 23:32, 39-43. Sunday school classes have been canceled for now.

**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church**, 130 Urbandale St., Benton Harbor, will host the United Voices Choir's fourth anniversary celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, has canceled all face-to-face services and activities through April 5. Tentatively, in-person services will resume on Maundy Thursday. The church will hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Sundays.

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# Working from home is awesome. Here's how to excel at it

By JESSICA ROY
Los Angeles Times

**If you are like me, mend your wicked ways. Make your home desk (or kitchen table) feel like your work desk. Have everything there that you'd have at work: a phone charger, a box of tissues, a water bottle, a mug, pens and paper.**

I love working from home. I learned recently that this is apparently a controversial stance.

The unfolding coronavirus crisis is forcing many of us to work from home in an effort to help stop the spread. Not everyone greeted the news with a cheer. And that's how I learned there are some people who claim to enjoy putting on work clothes and packing a sad desk lunch and battling morning traffic.

Not me.

I've had jobs where I worked from home full-time, and jobs – like the one I have now – where I normally work from home every once in a while. I don't want to brag, but I'm pretty good at it.

A lot of the "how to work from home" guides popping up this week seem to assume no one has ever pulled out their laptop to check their work email from home before.

I trust you know the basics. So here are some tips to work from home more efficiently, stay connected with your colleagues, and maybe even enjoy yourself a little bit.

## Sleep later

How long is your commute? And how long is your pre-office morning routine – selecting an outfit, doing your hair, figuring out what you'll eat that day and deciding whether to pack a gym bag?

Add that time up, and then set your morning alarm back by that amount of time.

Here's what you actually need to do before you start working from home: Be physically conscious and in front of a computer. That's it.

I am firmly on team "only get dressed if you want to." I get up, start the coffeemaker, wash my face, brush my hair, put on a different T-shirt than the one I slept in, make up a bowl of cereal and a cup of the aforementioned coffee, and take it to my desk. And so my workday begins.

There is no reason to "maintain your normal routine" and not take advantage of this opportunity for extra sleep. Plus, getting those critical extra zzzs can help keep you from getting sick. Sleep in later – for your health.

## Set up your desk

Whatever space you're going to be working from at home, clean it. Normally, my desk at home has a bunch of bills I need to file, a few bottles of nail polish, a couple of books, some mail and a handful of old newspapers.

If you are like me, mend your wicked ways. Make your home desk (or kitchen table) feel like your work desk. Have everything there that you'd have at work: a phone charger, a box of tissues, a water bottle, a mug, pens and paper.

If you don't have a desktop computer, try to set up your laptop in a way that your neck won't ache by the end of the workday. Consider putting your laptop on a stack of books and use an external keyboard and mouse so that you're staring straight at your screen, not down at it.

And don't forget to get away from your desk. Take lunch away from your computer screen. At the end of your workday, get up and do something else for a while to differentiate your brain from "working time." Remember to stretch.

## Be ready for prime time

Teleconferencing and video calls are not the future. They are the present.

Save your office's dial-in number to your phone's favorites so you're ready to jump on a call at a moment's notice.

I briefly worked as a producer for an ill-fated digital venture called HuffPost Live. A big part of my job was to wrangle guests into joining a video Google Hangout and teach them how to be semi-presentable on camera. Here's what you need to do:

■ Figure out where you're going to sit in your home when you're on video calls and do a test run. Make sure whatever is in view is clean and presentable. I don't care how you live, but I don't want to have to bear witness to your shame.

■ If you're using a laptop camera, put it on a stack of books so that you're looking straight into the camera, not down at it. This is mostly to avoid the dreaded "Dear God, does my chin really look like that?" double take once you're in the meeting. You want to be able to focus on your coworkers, not your face.

■ Check the lighting. The light source should be coming from behind your computer screen. It should not be in frame with you on camera. If you have a desk lamp with a flexible arm, you can position that right behind your monitor with the light pointed directly at your face.

■ Wear lipstick. Our brains use visual input to decipher what someone is saying. That's why it's so disconcerting when the lip sync on your TV is off. Differentiating your lips from the rest of your face will help the people on the other side of the screen tell what you're saying. (If you don't wear lipstick, even just a swipe of lip balm will help.)

■ Framing-wise, you want the camera to see from your chest to a few inches above the top of your head. Filling the entire screen with a close-up of your face is bad. So is sitting too far away, which also makes it very difficult to hear you.

## Make your home a more pleasant place to be

Take the opportunity of your extended presence at home to make it nice for yourself. If you haven't already, stock up on extra pantry staples for meals: oils and butter, salt and spices, things like canned tomatoes and garlic that pop up in every recipe.

Stay on top of keeping the kitchen clean so you aren't walking past a pile of dirty dishes every time you go to refill your coffee.

There's never been a better time to wipe down your bathroom counters and wash your hand towels and bath mat. While you're at it, change your sheets and wash your pajamas.

With nothing on your evening agenda, cook slow, luxurious meals. I recently made Marcella Hazan's Bolognese and Alison Roman's pork shoulder, both of which require hours and hours of cooking time (most of it hands-off for you).

## Maintain your connections and your mental health

Staying away from the office means missing out on casual day-to-day conversation with your colleagues.

Make it a point to spend more of your free time reaching out to people via text and on social media. And video calls aren't just for coworkers: Set up a Skype or FaceTime call with friends or relatives.

And for now, while there are no quarantine orders in place, it makes sense to avoid large public gatherings, but having a few friends over for a movie night doesn't contradict any WHO guidelines. You can also host a virtual game night with things like Jackbox.

Let me leave you with this, the single most important advice I can possibly impart to you: Mute yourself on conference calls.

## BUSINESS PEOPLE

### Wightman welcomes new hires

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Wightman added five employees based in its Allegan, Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo offices.

Brad Lyons of Hudsonville joined Wightman as a senior wastewater process engineer and project manager in the engineering department. He has more than 34 years of experience developing wastewater treatment systems and will be based in the Kalamazoo office. Lyons has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Wayne State University.

Lisa Cooley of Coloma was hired as a drafter in the company's engineering department at the Benton Harbor office. She has more than 25 years of experience drafting. Cooley earned an associate of applied science in architectural technology from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Noah Boyd of Plainwell joined the Wightman engineering team as a civil engineer in the Kalamazoo office. His background in site design includes industrial, commercial, mixed use, government, and residential projects. Boyd received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Western Michigan University.

Matt VanderHulst of Hamilton was hired as a drafter with the Wightman engineering team based in the company's Allegan office. He has six years of experience as a CAD designer as well as six years in the construction industry. He holds an associate of applied science degree in architectural/construction technology from Baker College.

Gary Blinkiewicz of Kalamazoo joined the engineering team at Wightman as an environmental project manager in the Kalamazoo office. As a licensed geologist, he brings over 26 years of experience in soil, groundwater and vapor investigation and remediation. He earned a bachelor of science degree in geology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a master of science degree in geology from Western Michigan University.

### Wright named Realtor of the Year

NILES — Lisa Wright, a licensed salesperson with RE/MAX Modern Realty Inc. in Niles, was named the 2020 Realtor of the Year for the Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors.

Wright has been licensed since 2015 and holds the professional designation Accredited Buyer Representative and the Pricing Strategy Advisory certification.

She currently serves on the Association's Board of Directors as District 2 Director, which covers Buchanan, Niles, Berrien Springs and Eau Claire. Since 2017, Wright has served on the Equal Opportunity Committee and was the committee chair in 2019.

Wright is a member of the Southwest Michigan Landlord's Association and volunteers at the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency. She sponsors the Brandywine Girls Basketball program to help with new uniforms and other expenses and has served food at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen in Niles.

# Ways to celebrate successes through employee appreciation

Celebrating your small business's successes should ideally include celebrating the hard work of the employees who have helped you achieve them.

According to a 2015 survey by Achievers (a company that has developed an employee engagement platform), 53 percent of employees in North America don't feel recognized for their achievements at work.

Although giving raises may not be financially possible, there are relatively inexpensive alternatives you can put into action to show your appreciation and thanks to employees. The creative possibilities are virtually endless.

Below is a list of some ideas. While not all the suggestions will appeal to your employees or accommodate your budget, hopefully they'll start you thinking about ways you might reward your dedicated staff members.

■ Surprise them with a "way to go" cake and some ice cream.

■ Tell them they can leave the office an hour or two early.

■ Tell them to take an extra-long lunch hour.

■ Order in lunch from a favorite local deli or restaurant.

■ Take them to lunch at a favorite local restaurant.

■ Give them gift cards to a local coffee shop.

■ Host a summer picnic.

■ Bring in a professional massage therapist for a day to give them some stress-busting bodywork.

■ Give them a hand-written thank you note.

■ Hire a caterer and host an onsite holiday luncheon.

■ Take your team bowling or miniature golfing.

■ Create personalized framed certificates of appreciation.

Regardless of whether or not you try any of the above, remember that you can't go wrong with a sincere and heartfelt face-to-face "thank you." That's one thing anyone (in person or via Skype) can – and should do – to keep their valued employees engaged and motivated.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, one of the main reasons people voluntarily leave their jobs is because they don't feel appreciated.

Stellar employees aren't always easy to find, so minimize your risks of losing yours by showing them how much you value them and their contributions.

Their efforts and their impact on your small business's success is something well worth celebrating.

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# What the Fed rate cut means for you

**Michelle Singletary**

In normal times, a cut in the Federal Reserve's benchmark interest rate would be met with enthusiasm by borrowers, because it means that the cost of credit is coming down.

But these aren't normal times.

On Sunday, the Federal Reserve announced it would cut the federal funds rate to a range of 0 percent to 0.25 percent in an effort to encourage the flow of credit to consumers and small businesses. The move landed like a thud.

Businesses are closing and consumers are being asked to sequester themselves at home to help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. People are purchasing less and, as a result, the rate cut's impact will be blunted, according to several experts I interviewed.

Yes, credit is on sale, but it won't make much difference if you can't afford to buy anything – even if the cost of your borrowing has gone down. If you're laid off and can't make even your minimum credit card payment, a small reduction in your interest rate isn't going to have you jumping for joy.

"The truth is that if you're somebody whose financial life has really been turned upside down by the coronavirus, the Fed rate cut isn't really going to do a lot of good, because the rate reduction doesn't even get passed along for another couple of billing cycles," said Matt Schulz, chief credit analyst with LendingTree.

Once they roll out, lower credit card rates won't make a dramatic dent in people's debts overall. Take someone who has a credit card balance of $6,000, with an interest rate of 20 percent, and is paying $200 a month. Schulz points out that, over the life of the balance, a one-percentage point rate reduction is going to save the person a mere $183.

"What really could help consumers are monthly payment deferrals, Schulz added. "We need to see banks step up and offer to you to allow people a break from paying that payment for a month or two."

Still, with the U.S. facing months of economic uncertainty, eventually the rate cut could benefit many borrowers, said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

"Somebody who's worried about losing their job probably won't be running out to buy a car just because the Fed cut rates," he said. "But six months from now they might. That's the point at which we'll need juice for the economy."

With a drop in the federal funds rate, I'm hearing from a lot of folks wondering if now is the time to refinance their home mortgage.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage hit an all-time low of 3.29 percent in the first week in March. But keep in mind that mortgage rates don't necessarily track the Fed's rate, according to Tendayi Kapfidze, chief economist for LendingTree.

"There is often a misconception that changes in the federal funds rate affect mortgage rates, but this is not the case," Kapfidze said. "Rather, they are often influenced by the same factors, yet rarely to the same extent. At times, they even move in opposite directions."

From 2015 to 2016, as the Fed increased its benchmark rate, mortgage rates actually fell, Kapfidze noted.

To his point, as refinance applications have recently been surging, the 30-year mortgage rate has been ticking up.

"The recent drop in mortgage rates inundated lenders with applications," McBride said. "So there is a traffic jam to even get on the mortgage refinancing highway right now. A lot of the rates that lenders are posting are intended as a deterrent. There's more demand than supply."

But don't panic that you're missing out on the bottom. You don't need to rush to refinance.

"The Fed can cut rates very easily, but they have a tough time taking that back later by raising rates," McBride said. "The last time we saw rates at this low level [in December 2008], they stayed there for seven years. The stage is set for mortgage rates to remain at really low levels throughout 2020."

Pausing will also give you time to shop around. And don't just focus on the rate – compare the fees.

Not everyone is happy about the Fed rate cut.

The losers in an ultra-low interest rate environment are savers, many of whom are fleeing the jaw-dropping plunges of the stock market to the safe harbor of deposit accounts.

Another savings option worth considering is a no-penalty certificate of deposit. With this type of CD, you can make an early withdrawal without paying a penalty fee.

Following the past years of extraordinary market gains, it may pain you to park money in a relatively low-yielding deposit account. But think of it as a place to preserve your principal should you need to tap it in an emergency. And Lord knows, these are dire times.

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**Ask the Fool**

## Groupon Reversing?

Q I read that Groupon is considering a "reverse split." Is that good? — *T.D., Fairbanks, Alaska*

A Nope. Reverse splits are typically executed by struggling companies. Groupon fits that bill, with its stock recently trading around $0.83 per share, down from $26.11, where it closed on its first trading day in 2011.

In its last reported quarter, Groupon's revenue sank by 23%, more than was expected, and revenue has been shrinking for several years in a row now.

Stocks with shares trading for less than about $5 apiece are penny stocks, often volatile and risky, so Groupon's price doesn't look too good these days.

A reverse split is a way to artificially inflate a stock's price. If Groupon reverse-split 1-for-100, for example, a shareholder with 300 shares would suddenly have 3 shares — and if the stock price had been $1 before the reverse split, it would be proportionately higher post-split, at $100 per share. Notice that the value of the shareholder's stock doesn't change: 300 times $1 is $300, and 3 times $100 is also $300. It's just the stock price that has changed, looking "better" at $100 than it did at $1.

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Q Can you explain the "efficient market hypothesis"? — *C.G., Johnson City, Tennessee*

A The efficient market hypothesis, sometimes referred to as the efficient market theory, suggests that all (or most) available information is factored into the price of stocks. Therefore, various stocks can't be over- or undervalued, and investors can't outperform the overall market consistently due to their smarts and skills.

Critics of the hypothesis see the stock market as somewhat inefficient (with many investors acting on emotions, not data), and point to some very successful market-beating investors as proof.

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• The U.S. tax code is long: It topped 10 million words back in 2015, according to the Tax Foundation — about 2.4 million words in the federal Internal Revenue Code and another 7.7 million in federal tax regulations. (The instructions for Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR alone are more than 100 pages.)

• Preparing tax returns consumes a lot of time: The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) estimates that "individuals and businesses spend about 6.1 billion hours a year complying with the filing requirements of the Internal Revenue Code."

• Standard deductions roughly doubled in 2018: That means simply taking the standard deduction, rather than itemizing deductions, is the right move for many more people now.

• Millions of Americans qualify to file their taxes for free: If your 2019 earnings are $69,000 or less, you can use tax-preparation software at no cost — for your federal tax return and possibly your state tax return, too. Learn more at **IRS.gov**.

• You're less likely than ever to be audited: Largely due to Congress cutting the IRS's budget repeatedly, audit rates have been falling. In fiscal 2019, only 0.45% of returns were audited, compared with about 2.5% back in the 1970s. You can reduce your chances of being audited by filing a legible and error-free return, accounting for all your income.

• You may be leaving lots of money on the table by not claiming credits or deductions available to you. Spend a little time looking into that — or use tax-prep software that will identify tax savings for you. For example, there are credits and deductions related to dependent children, adopting children, educational expenses, charitable contributions, medical expenses and more.

Learn more at **Fool.com/taxes**, **USA.gov** and **IRS.gov**.

**My Dumbest Investment**

## Pulse Without a Pulse

My dumbest investment occurred in 2010, while I was still in college. I invested $700 in Pulse Beverage, a penny stock that's now worthless. I'm afraid to calculate what I would have instead if I'd invested that money in Amazon.com, Apple, some big banks or other more reputable companies over the past decade.

At least I've learned some good lessons: stay away from penny stocks, be patient and follow the smart. — *J.M., online*

**The Fool Responds:** It's good that you learned to avoid penny stocks while you're still young, as you only lost $700. If you were older and richer, you might have lost thousands of dollars, as many have done.

What would $700 have grown to from 2010 to 2020 in some other stocks? Well, it would have topped $9,000 and $7,000 in Amazon.com and Apple, respectively, and in either Citigroup or Bank of America stock, it would have grown to more than $1,700. (These examples all reflect any dividends being reinvested.) Simply parking that $700 in a low-fee S&P 500 index fund, without having to study or keep up with any stocks, would have left you with shares worth around $2,000.

Pulse Beverage, which at one point was selling fruit-flavored drinks, more recently announced plans to launch CBD-infused drinks. It's best to avoid penny stocks — but if you must consider one, at least research it deeply, and skeptically, before buying.

**The Motley Fool Take**

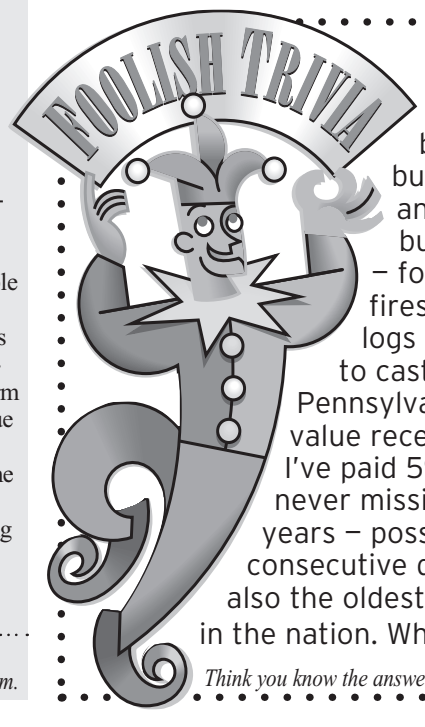
## A Healthy Stock for Unhealthy Times

Looking to invest in these turbulent times and worried about the effect of the COVID-19 epidemic on business? Consider CVS Health (NYSE: CVS), which has been in a slump in part due to uncertainty about health care's future, given pushes for single-payer systems or expanded Medicare. There are several possible catalysts for its further growth. For starters, the COVID-19 scare may lead to increased foot traffic in its stores. The company is planning to open 1,500 HealthHUB health clinics around the country by 2021. And pharmacy revenue might be rising, due to increased illness, with pharmacy sales offering fatter profit margins than sales in the rest of the drugstore.

Meanwhile, CVS Health's 2018 acquisition of health insurer Aetna should continue to pay dividends. Health scares tend to provide a wake-up call to the uninsured to become insured.

CVS Health's fourth-quarter revenue of $66.9 billion was up 22% year over year, and management is optimistic for 2020.

On top of all that, shares have been attractively priced recently, down more than 20% from their 52-week high, and with a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the low teens — when the five-year average P/E ratio is 19. Even better, there's a tasty dividend that recently yielded 3.7%. (The Motley Fool has recommended CVS Health.)




## Name That Company

I trace my roots way back to 1816, when some businessmen met in a tavern and formed a company to build a public water supply – for homes and for fighting fires. I first used bored-out logs as pipes, later switching to cast iron. Still based in York, Pennsylvania, I sported a market value recently around $500 million. I've paid 596 consecutive dividends, never missing one in more than 200 years – possibly the longest record of consecutive dividends in the U.S. I'm also the oldest publicly traded company in the nation. Who am I?

*Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.*

**LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER**

Five men founded me in Two Harbors, Minnesota, in 1902, aiming to mine for a mineral used in sandpaper. The floor of my first factory collapsed under the weight of the raw materials it held. My early products included waterproof sandpaper and masking tape. I debuted cellophane tape in 1930, and by the 1950s I offered fabric protectors, magnetic recording tape and a copier. In 1980 I launched slightly sticky note papers, which created a new office-product category. I've received more than 100,000 patents, employ more than 95,000 people and rake in about $32 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: 3M)

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# Tax traps that side hustlers should avoid

**Liz Weston**

Millions of Americans earn extra money outside their regular jobs — as ride-hailing drivers, Airbnb hosts, eBay sellers and freelancers of all kinds. Their side hustle income may help make ends meet, but it also can create tax traps.

Side gigs usually count as self-employment, which triggers different rules, additional tax forms and plenty of confusion for people accustomed to filing as employees, tax experts say.

The first time people file with a side gig, they're often shocked by how much tax they owe, says Mackey McNeill, a CPA and personal finance specialist in Bellevue, Kentucky.

"It's like, 'How could I owe this much tax on this little bit of income?'" says McNeill, who is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Consumer Financial Education Advocates.

Side gigs also offer tax advantages, including more ways to save for retirement and the ability to deduct legitimate business expenses. Sadly, many side hustlers miss these opportunities because they don't know what they don't know.

Here are some key mistakes:

### Keeping lousy records

The self-employed can deduct business expenditures such as mileage, advertising, supplies, internet and other services they use to support their businesses. But those deductions need to be tracked and documented to survive an audit, McNeill says.

"Keep records as you go along rather than try to figure it out after the fact," McNeill says.

Mileage tracking apps such as MileIQ and Hurdlr can help, as can expense management apps such as Expensify and Shoeboxed.

Ideally, side hustlers would open a separate checking account for their extracurricular income and expenses. Having a credit card just for the business can be a good idea as well. But a credit card statement isn't enough to prove a legitimate business expense in an audit – the IRS wants to see the receipt as well, McNeill says. Tax pros recommend scanning or photographing paper receipts, since they can fade or be lost over time.

And speaking of tax pros, consider hiring one, especially if this is your first time working for yourself. A good CPA or enrolled agent can help you find deductions while keeping you out of trouble with the IRS.

### Not paying taxes as you earn the money

Employees usually have income taxes withheld from their paychecks throughout the year. Typically that's not the case with side hustle income. Waiting until it's time to file a tax return to pay the taxes can trigger not just a big tax bill, but penalties as well. The IRS wants people to pay taxes as they earn money, through withholding or estimated quarterly tax payments.

Most taxpayers can avoid penalties if, through withholding and estimated payments, they pay in at least 90 percent of the current year's tax bill or 100 percent of the previous year's tax amount.

Even those who dodge a penalty likely will still owe taxes on net self-employment income, however. (Net self-employment income is what's earned from the side gig, minus deductible expenses and retirement plan contributions.)

McNeill suggests putting aside 25 percent to 30 percent of any side hustle income to cover the tax bill, since people who work for themselves usually have to pay a 15.3 percent self-employment tax to cover Social Security and Medicare contributions in addition to regular income taxes.

### Ignoring retirement savings options

Tucking away some side gig income for retirement can help make your future more comfortable while reducing your tax bill today. Two good options for side hustlers are a SEP IRA and a solo 401(k). A simplified employee pension individual retirement account is easy to set up and allows people to contribute up to 25 percent of net self-employment income, to a maximum of $57,000 in 2020. A solo 401(k) has the same $57,000 cap, but it allows contributions up to 100 percent of net self-employment income. Solo 401(k)s involve a bit more paperwork, and the contribution limit is per person, so contributions to an employer's 401(k) or other retirement plan count against the cap.

McNeill has one final caution: Make sure your side gig is actually worth your time. Some people discover they're making less than minimum wage after paying taxes and other expenses, such as fees to an online freelancing platform. Review what you've cleared against the time involved to determine whether the extra hours are worthwhile.

"If you're going to do it, do it right," McNeill says. "Make sure you're going to make money."

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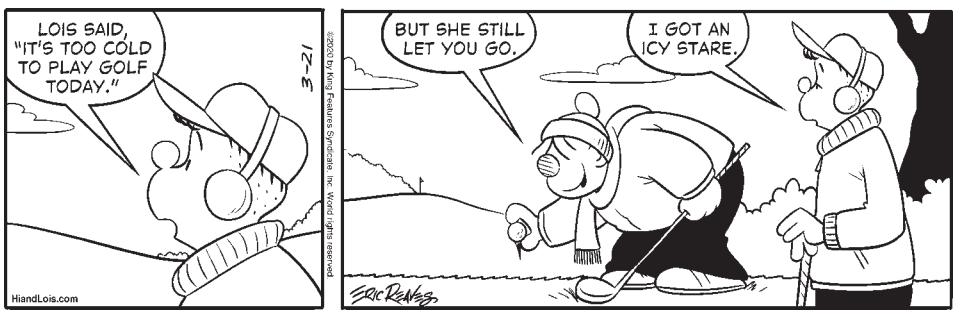
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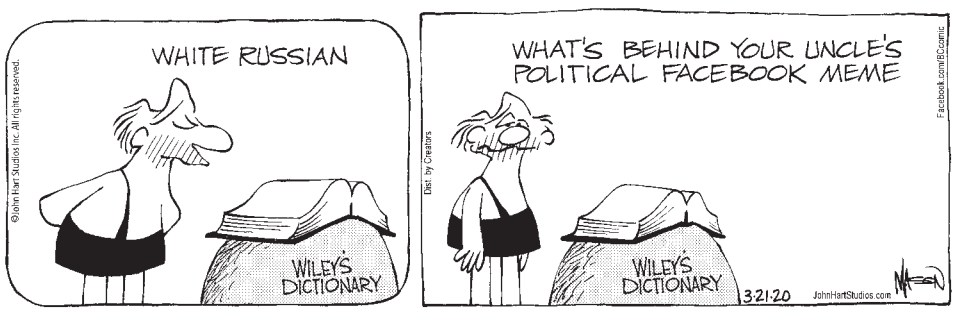


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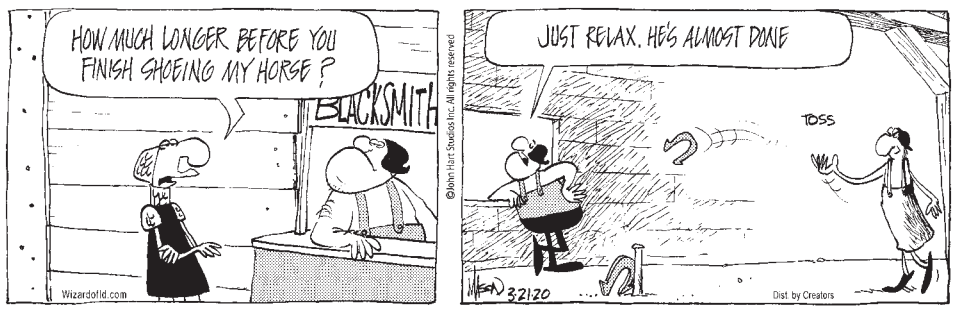


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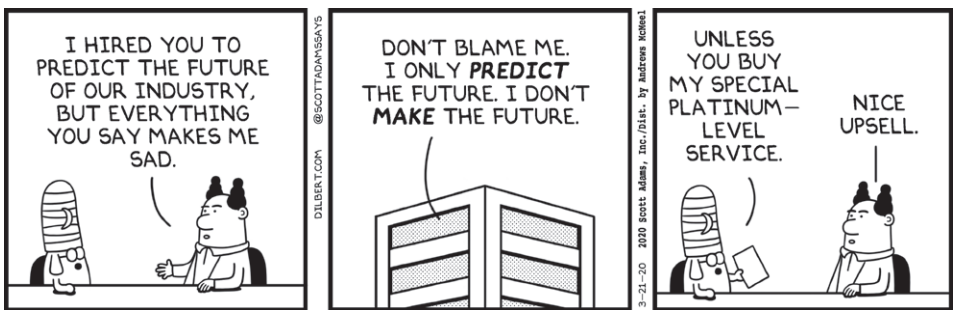
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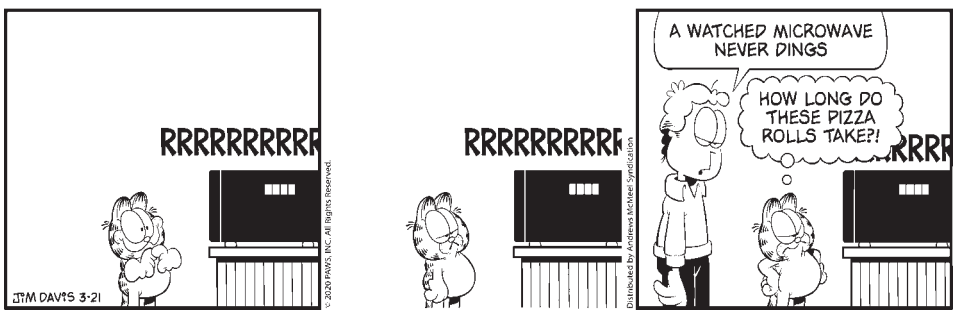


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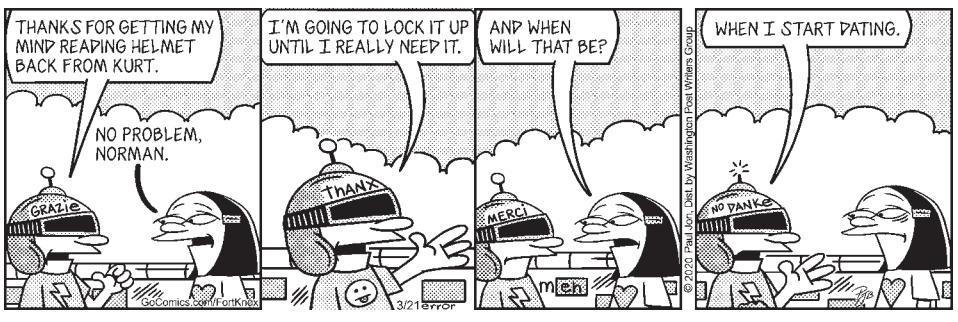
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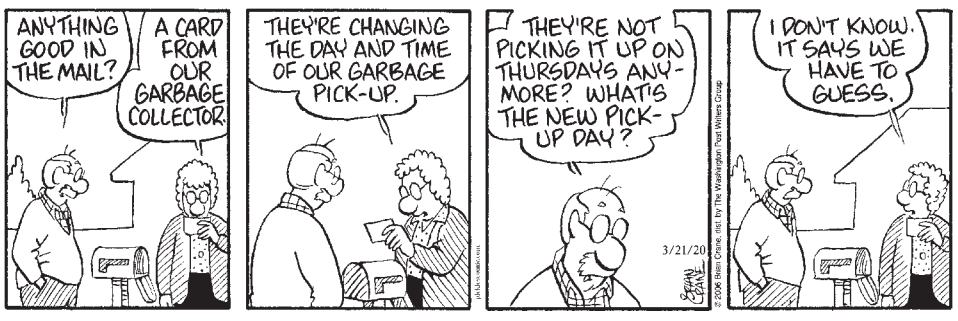
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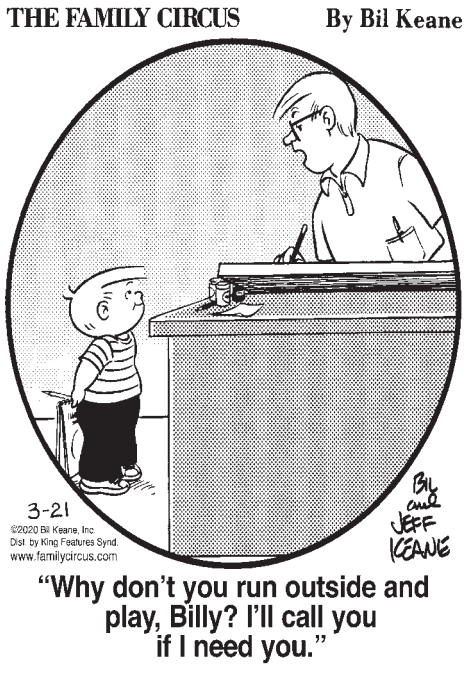
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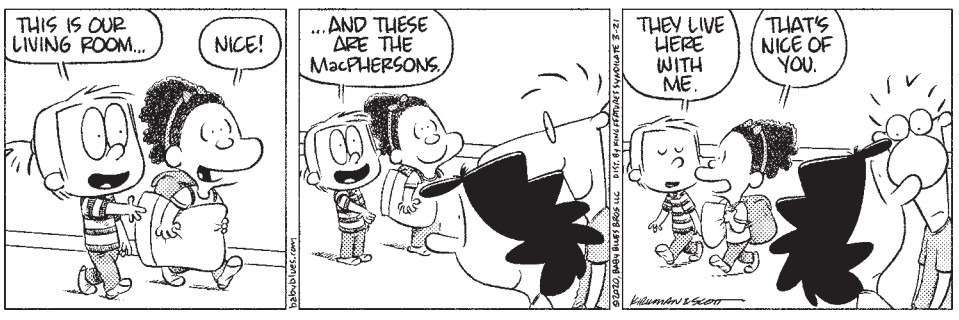
"Why don't you run outside and play, Billy? I'll call you if I need you."

## BABY BLUES




## CURTIS

THE YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THAT "SLAP" VIDEO ARE MORONS!
YOU YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS AND THIS IS WHAT YOU KIDS CHOOSE TO DO!
I'D BETTER NOT SEE YOU EVER INVOLVED IN THIS NONSENSE, CURTIS, OR I'LL... I'LL... YOU'D JUST BETTER NOT, HEAR?
I THINK I JUST PEED
3-21

## ZITS

THERE! I CHANGED OUR WIRELESS PLAN BACK TO WHAT IT WAS.
GOOD!
FLINK!
I'M SURE THE THREE OF US CAN SURVIVE ON LESS THAN UNLIMITED DATA.
WELL, TWO OF US, ANYWAY.
SPARE GIGS?
ANYTHING HELPS
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## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

## MUTTS

## SALLY FORTH

IT'S JUST... WHAT IF WE DO MOVE? WHAT IF I DO LOSE MY BEST FRIEND FOREVER?
YOU AND HIL WILL ALWAYS BE BFFS, NO MATTER WHAT.
OH REALLY? ARE YOU STILL TIGHT WITH PEOPLE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE EIGHTH GRADE? AND DON'T TELL ME IT'S DIFFERENT NOW WITH SOCIAL MEDIA AND FACETIME. AND DON'T TRY TO ACT COOL BY SAYING "BFF."
AND HIL ALREADY SAW WHAT OUR LIVES WILL BE LIKE IN TEN YEARS, SO THIS WOULD RUIN EVERYTHING!
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AND YES, I WISH SHE, NONA AND I WOULD GET A BIGGER APARTMENT TOGETHER. AND NO, I DON'T WANT TO SERVE COFFEE IN SOME PLACE CALLED "THE GRINDHAUS." BUT PLANS ARE ALREADY IN MOTION!
WAIT, GO BACK TO THE PART ABOUT HIL BEING ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE.
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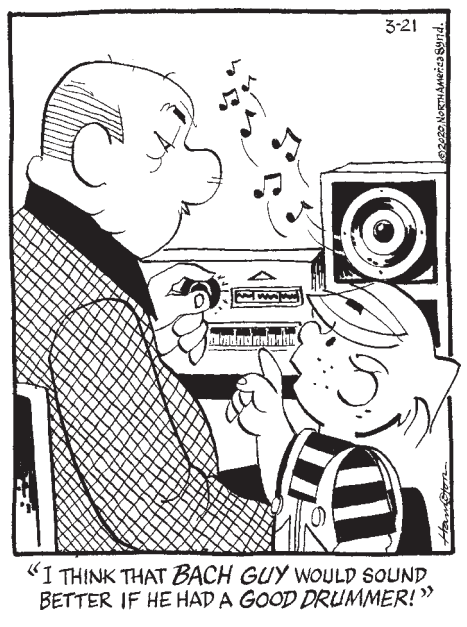
## DENNIS THE MENACE

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Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

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## Finding the 'x' on Mullett Lake

**By BOB GWIZDZ**
Special to the Record-Eagle

CHEBOYGAN — What do fishing success and desirable real estate have in common? Three things: location, location, location.

There may be a million factors that contribute to a successful angling outing, but there is no one single variable in fishing that is more important than being right on the X. Still, there are some places where being right on the X is more critical than others, and Mullett Lake, the giant 16,600-acre body of water that is part of Michigan's Inland Waterway seems to be one of them.

At least that's the word from Chad Schut, a travelling walleye guide who makes Mullett his home field form June through November.

"It's got a ton of structure," Schut explained after a day on the ice that was more successful for his partner and him than for a lot of other guys. "It's not a bowl, it's a fisherman's lake. If you understand where fish live, this is a lake you can excel on."

Schut was one of the pro staffers at Mark Martin's Ice Fishing vacation School on Mullet Lake earlier this winter and he (and his student partner) had perhaps the best first day on the ice of anyone, catching not only a fair number of walleyes – the target species for this adventure – but a big bunch of perch as well.

"This lake has a bunch of diversity and big fish – once you find them," Schut said. "There's great perch – and they have really showed themselves this year – and big giant pike. But they're not everywhere. Mullett Lake is all about location."

According to Schut, the fish travel long distances on Mullett and "what was hot yesterday can be a dead zone today. There's so much structure that the fish can relocate easily, so first you've got to find fish. Once you've found them, they're pretty easy to catch."

The significant structure elements – mostly rock piles and rocky points – is one of the reasons that Martin chose Mullett for an event location.

After the first couple of days of instruction (both on the ice and in the classroom, generally with electronic mapping applications in hand) Martin turns the students loose and expects them to find their own places to fish on the last day of the event. Mullett is perfect for such an assignment, he said.

"I used to fish Burt," said Martin, who is not only Michigan's, but one of America's, best-known walleye fishermen. "Mullett is deeper and it's not picked on as hard as Burt. This lake has a lot more structure and lots of small structure elements, but you have to be looking for them to find them."

As if to illustrate, Martin had to make the rounds mid-morning.

So he moved Adam Kraght, his cameraman and a non-fisherman, to one of those small, structure elements about 100 yards from where I was fishing with another guy, and left him there while he made his rounds.

When Martin returned, Kraght —and let me repeat, he was a non-fisherman – had three walleyes on the ice and he caught another shortly after Martin got back.

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Photo provided

Tom Pratt (left) and Bryan Brown stand in front of the boat they built this winter.

## Boat builders

### Local fabricator, carpenter join forces to complete project

**By MAXWELL HARDEN**
HP Sports Writer

The onset of spring heralds the arrival of fishing season.

Coloma resident and fabricator Bryan Brown joined forces with family friend and carpenter Tom Pratt to build a boat ready to take on the waters of Southwest Michigan.

"He loves to river fish," Brown said. "So he approached me last July about collaborating on a boat project. I couldn't say no."

The project began on Nov. 1 and was completed on March 14.

The 16-foot long jon boat – originally just a shell – now sports an 8-foot tall cab enclosure with a sliding door in the back and a swing door in the front. Brown and Pratt built a diamond-plated transom, installed a new motor, and added several handles so that riders don't fall off the side.

"We built it with a grinder, a hand-bender, and other limited power tools," Brown said. "It's got all of the bells and whistles. It's been a journey. With his carpenter skills and my fabrication skills, we've built a wonderful boat."

Brown, 56, wasn't sure what the total cost of the project was. Pratt, 71, never said, though Brown thinks he had a good reason to keep his lips sealed.

"I don't think he wanted his wife to know," Brown said, jokingly. "A lot of work went into making this project a reality."

A Navy veteran, Brown has been in the fabrication business since the 1980s.

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## Keep an eye out for eagle nests near water

**Jonathan Wuepper**
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Readers of this column should keep an eye out for bald eagle nests along the St. Joseph, Paw Paw and Dowagiac rivers and Lake Michigan. One adult bald eagle was seen March 14 in St. Joseph Township near the river by Bob Conrad.

In 2019 a pair of bald eagles nested near the location of Conrad's recent sighting, which indicates that the adults have returned for 2020.

Bald eagles make very large nests out of branches, atop large trees near seacoasts, lakes, rivers and streams.

Before Michigan was settled, the bald eagle occurred across the state as a nesting species. But as forests were cleared, coupled with unregulated hunting, the species declined. Eagles as well as other birds and animals declined further in the 20th century as the harmful pesticide DDT came into use.

Until 2019, the last bald eagles nesting in Berrien County occurred in 1870, although the exact location is not known. Because of federal and state protection and the banning of DDT, the bald eagle gradually made a comeback not only in Michigan but over much of its former range across North America.

The Michigan bald eagle population began to noticeably increase beginning in the early 1980s, along the Great Lakes shorelines as well as inland sites. In Southwest Michigan, the bald eagle returned as a nesting species to Cass and Van Buren Counties at least a decade before it was seen nesting in Berrien.

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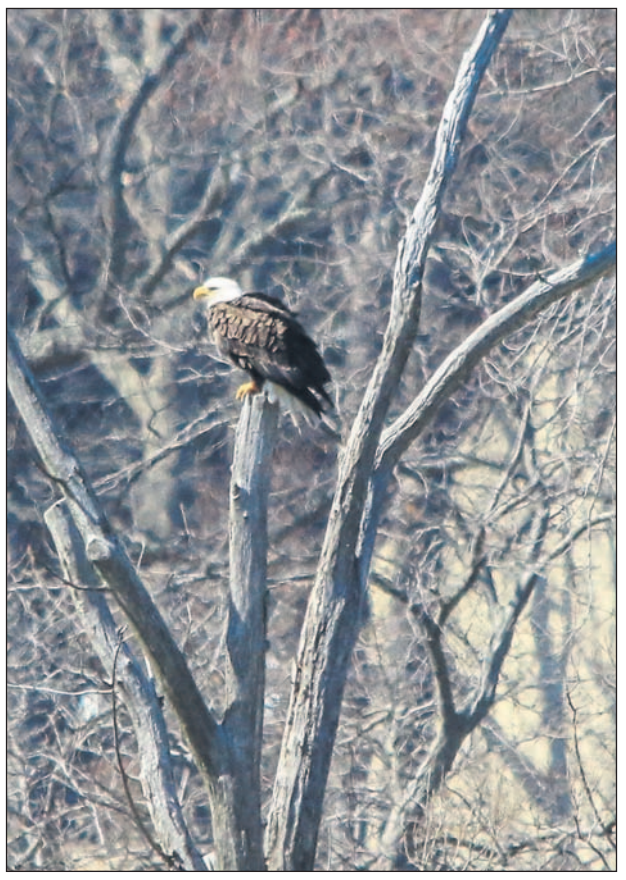

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An adult bald eagle, likely one of a pair returning to nest on private property, on March 14 in St. Joseph Township.

## Fishing works for social distancing

**Dave Mull**

Is there any better way than getting out on the water and fishing to "socially distance" oneself from folks who might be carrying that awful Covid-19 thing?

These are strange times. I had to buy some groceries at Walmart the other day and it reminded me of some anti-communist propaganda film that showed all the empty shelves in Soviet supermarkets.

It's just such a weird world right now that I keep watching for zombies.

Fortunately, freelance writing (my main source of grocery money) is easily done at home and I can sit at my desk in the corner of the family room and work away.

Wednesday this week a semi truck delivered something that has made it hard to concentrate on getting work done, however. It's a new AutoPilot 136 kayak from Old Town, 13 1/2 feet of fishing machine. This model with six others were introduced to the world on March 5 at the Bassmaster Classic in Alabama.

I saw the 136 while I was there, but earlier, in February, I had the chance to play in a slightly smaller AutoPilot 120 in Florida.

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Photo provided

Dave Mull got to check out Old Town's Autopilot 120 kayak in Florida in February. It quickly ended his resolve to never have a motorized kayak.

### Warren Dunes State Park

**Volunteer stewardship workdays:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21 and 28 – meet at the parking area at the Floral Lane entrance. Volunteers will help remove non-native woody bushes and vines from the state park. No experience is necessary and volunteers will be trained to identify target species. For more information contact Heidi Frei at freih@michigan.gov.

### Sarett Nature Center

**Storybook Hike:** The nature center building is closed and all events are canceled through April 5. Trails remain open and include a Storybook Hike along the way.

**Fernwood Botanical** Garden Closed: Fernwood has closed and canceled all events until further notice.

### Berrien County Sportsman's Club

**Hunter safety classes:** Currently canceled due to DNR order. Online classes are still available. Call Dan at 277-4789 for more information.

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

### Coloma Rod & Gun Club

**Carrying concealed weapon classes:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

**Trap shooting:** Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

**Archery**: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.colomarodandgunclub.com.

### Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

**Carrying concealed weapon classes:** 6-10 p.m. April 9; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 11. Register from 6-7 p.m. April 7. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

*Submit information for Get Outdoors to sports@TheHP.com, fax to 429-4392 or call 429-1294 by Wednesday.*

## Michigan's outdoors are here for you

**By THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

We know there's been a steady stream of "closure" information and messaging about self-isolating to slow the spread of COVID-19. It's true, we are in uncharted territory, and such steps are critical in protecting Michigan residents from coronavirus risk. Safeguarding mental health is just as important, and spending time outdoors – whether in your backyard, on your balcony or in big, open spaces – can boost mind, body and spirit.

Although the public contact areas (restroom buildings, shooting ranges, visitor centers) at many DNR-managed facilities are temporarily closed, people are still welcome to enjoy the public outdoor areas at state parks and recreation areas, state game and wildlife areas, state forests, state trails and, of course, our lakes, rivers and streams. For the duration of the COVID-19 situation, we're

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A horned lark along Holden Road just north of Glendora on March 15.

## WUEPPER

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This likely has to do with the fact that there are several inland lakes in those counties that are relatively undeveloped and have forested areas nearby, which can support the large nests. The Crane Pond State Game Area in eastern Cass County is one such area that has supported eagles for several years. Dr. T.K. Lawless County Park, also in Cass, is another.

In Berrien County, bald eagle nests have turned up in at least three places within the last year. For the safety of the birds, I won't provide precise locations, but can say that in addition to a nest along the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph Township, nests have been found along the Paw Paw River near the Berrien-Van Buren County line and along the Galien River near New Buffalo.

Brad Anderson of Bridgman photographed a horned lark on March 15 along Holden Road north of Glendora. This common songbird can be found all year long in large, open areas in southern Michigan, yet most of the horned larks present locally overwinter or migrate through the area. They are common on the Great Plains, where there are large naturally occurring open areas.

In our region, the horned lark benefited by the opening up of our vast forests and creation of agricultural areas during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Horned larks in southern Michigan begin nest building on the ground in March and April. There is not a lot of detailed nesting information on the species from Michigan other than young have been observed as early as April.

While local resident horned larks are nesting in early spring, others that winter here or farther south are present as migrants through late May.

In summer, one of the best locations locally to find horned larks is the open fields along Linco and Scottdale Roads in southern Royalton and northern Oronoko townships.

Note that the "horns" of the horned lark are actually feather tufts which are not always visible. They can be seen in Anderson's recent photo.

The first frogs – chorus frogs and spring peepers – have been heard at several locations around Southwest Michigan in recent days, including Sarett Nature Center. Both species were heard this weekend at Sarett and earlier last week near Buchanan.

*Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.*

Photo provided

Fabricator Bryan Brown and carpenter Tom Pratt built this boat over the winter.

## BOAT

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He had done some boat-related work in the past, but nothing to the extent that this project would require.

"The biggest hurdle for us was the design," Brown said. "We were working without a blueprint. It was 100 percent trial and error. We called it 'R&D'.. We're both perfectionists, so if it didn't look right, we did it again."

Working out of Brown's barn, the winter months were tough to deal with.

"This whole winter has been crazy," Brown said. "In the barn, I used a torpedo heater for heat. If the weather was too cold I wouldn't see (Pratt) for three days. I told him he'd have to call in or I'd write him up."

The project required several trips to Menard's, one of Pratt's favorite stores.

"He loves that place," Brown said. "I'd lose him for a while and then he'd show up with a bunch of stuff. Then I'd follow him around the store with the cart. We developed a great friendship. This project was something that we never thought we were going to do."

Working on the project was no easy task, luckily for Brown, he had the support of his family every step of the way.

"My wife supported this," Brown said. "But she had a lot of doubt in her mind when we started. We took pictures last weekend and she was able to see the finished product. My two sons helped me when they could."

For Brown, building a working relationship with Pratt is one of his biggest takeaways from the project.

"We learned how to work with each other," Brown said. "We each had our own way of doing things and dealt with frustrations differently. We spent a lot of hours with each other, so we got to know each other pretty well. It was a lot of work but a lot of fun, too."

There may be more projects on the horizon, but for now, Brown and Pratt plan on enjoying the fruit of their labor.

"I don't regret a single hour of work," Brown said. "He's already looking for another boat. Hopefully, we can at least get this one in the water, first."

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## MULLETT

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The place Martin had put him was textbook – a small flat in 32 feet of water surrounded by 40 feet of water or more.

Mullett, Martin said, has the same fish populations as Burt – to which it is connected – but the fish are generally bigger on Mullett because they have more to eat.

"Mullet has a better food base," Martin said. "It has way more shiners and a cisco (lake herring) population. You can see them on your fish finder. They're constantly getting chased around the lake by the predators and if you choose a point on structure, the bait follows that kind of stuff and it will show up from time to time.

"But you have to fish fairly deep, more than 30 feet, on inside turns and points. We figured that out fairly quickly – not overnight, it takes a few times of getting hit over the head before you get it – but we were fishing shallow and not catching them or not seeing them and the guys in deeper water were doing better.

Mullett Lake was a shining star of the state this year. It put every other lake in Michigan to shame ice fishing this year; for one thing it was a place you could ice fish because it had good ice. I've talked to guys who went back after the school and they told me they limited out almost every time. One guy told me he caught more walleyes on Mullett this winter than he ever did on Saginaw Bay.

And he caught bunches of big perch, too."

I never found themselves. In a day and a half, I fished almost non-stop on the ice – I'd take a five-minute break every 90 minutes or so to step into a shanty to warm my hands – jigging with two rods, a Jigging Rapala tipped with a minnow and a beaded spoon.

I managed three perch (only one was a keeper) in the morning and in the afternoon, after I moved, I finally caught a 17-inch walleye about an hour before dark. I had one more bite by quitting time, by which time, I'd worn out both my arms jigging all day.

But the lesson was clear. I wasn't on the X.

As with real estate, Mullett Lake is all about location, location, location.

## FISHING REPORT

### Southwest Lower Peninsula

**Those fishing the smaller lakes are starting to catch crappie as the bite picks up.**

**St. Joseph River:** Steelhead, including fresh fish, have been caught all the way up to Berrien Springs.

**South Haven:** Had pier anglers targeting steelhead and coho.

**Grand Haven:** Also had pier anglers targeting steelhead and coho.

**Grand River near Grand Rapids:** Anglers were catching a good number of steelhead, including some fresh fish, which are hitting on a variety of live and artificial baits such as jigs with spawn, flies, beads and wobble glo's. A good number of steelhead are also being caught in the Rogue River, mainly on jigs tipped with wax worms.

**Grand River near Lansing:** A few channel cats have been caught by those using cut bait upstream of Moores Park. On the right day, the smallmouth action was good for those using minnows, plastics, rattle traps or small spoons.

**Muskegon:** Pier anglers and those surf-casting have caught steelhead.

**Muskegon Lake:** Boat anglers are catching perch near the channel, though they are doing some searching to find them. When the winds allowed, fish also were caught near the Bear Lake channel.

**Muskegon River:** Water levels were still a bit high but fishable. Both winter fish and some fresh fish are being caught in deeper water. Spawn and beads seem to work best. Those fly fishing with black stone flies also were getting fish.

*– Michigan DNR, March 19*

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waiving the need for the Recreation Passport for entry at state parks and other destinations. Whether you want to hike or bike a new trail, scout your next hunt, paddle the open water or find a favorite fishing spot … Michigan's outdoors are here. Explore things to do on our website for inspiration; check out our YouTube channel for how-to videos; and get hunting and fishing licenses at our new license system website. Closer to home, you could soak up some sun on the back deck, walk around the block or jog the nearest local trail. No matter how you enjoy the outdoors, we urge you to practice effective "social distancing" and other measures to help stop the spread of the coronavirus and keep you, your family and your community safe:

- Go out only if you're feeling healthy.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting, including the outdoors.
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- Minimize UV sun exposure by properly applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher.
- When driving, keep windows slightly open to provide air flow.

Thanks for doing your part to protect the health and safety of Michigan residents! Before you head outdoors, be sure to check the latest on facilities and state COVID-19 recommendations.

## MULL

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It was a well-run press outing headquartered at Fort Lauderdale's elegant Lago Mar Beach Resort (you could buy a decent kayak for the cost of one-night's stay). Press members were sworn to silence at the time, so I didn't write about how cool that boat was until now.

The big feature of these two kayaks in Old Town's new Sportsman's line is the 45-pound-thrust Minn Kota AutoPilot trolling motor that clicks into place in front of the angler. It's positioning leaves ample room to say, take along a spoiled little dachshund mix named Gus. This motor uses Global Positioning Satellites to steer itself. With a hand-held control fob about the size of a cell phone, you just point the motor where you want to go, hit the "autopilot" button, adjust your speed, and the boat takes you there. You can retie lines, sort through tackle or whatever, just making sure you stay alert about what's around you.

Another cool feature is the motor's "Spot Lock" virtual anchor. Get to where you want to fish, hit the Spot Lock button and the motor adjusts its direction and speed automatically to keep you right on that spot, countering wind and currents.

Even though I long ago resolved I'd never get a kayak with a motor, my day puttering around Fort Lauderdale canals with the AutoPilot 120 vaporized that resolution. After being aboard for about five minutes, I had to have one.

Now I just need to get the battery for the motor, install my electric Power Pole shallow-water anchor, put on the sonar/GPS Humminbird unit and an Anchor Wizard system and I'll be loaded for bear. I can't wait to start using it.

If this virus scare stays around, look for the big orange and black kayak out on one of our lakes. I'll be social distancing.

### Pheasant stamp

The Michigan House this week passed a bill funding the state's pheasant-release program beyond this year with a $25 pheasant stamp that everyone hunting this game bird will need to buy.

The Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative (MPHI) program facilitated pheasant releases on public land across the state. The DNR said its goals were to introduce youth and adult non-hunters to small game hunting, reactivate lapsed hunters and retain current hunters.

Money raised from the stamp would pay for pheasant release and for restoring pheasant grassland habitat.

I didn't have a chance to go to any of these areas last season but hope to this season. Few things are as thrilling as the cackling, clattering flush of a rooster pheasant. This program looks bound for success.

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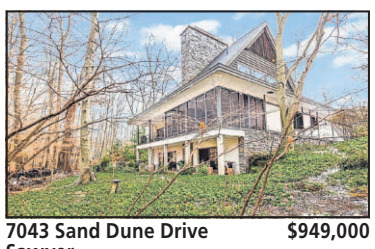

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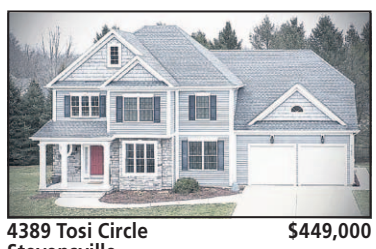

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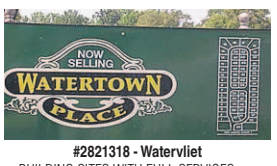

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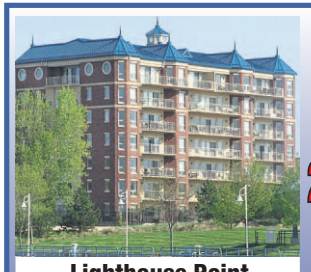
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## LEGALS

### LEGALS

**CITY OF BENTON HARBOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – LAWN BIDS 2020**

The City of Benton Harbor will accept sealed proposals for furnishing Lawn Mowing services for city owned properties for the 2020 & 2021 seasons.

Sealed proposals must be received at the City Clerk's Office on or before April 2, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Proposals are to be submitted on forms provided by the City of Benton Harbor. Proposals are to be complete, and properly executed by an officer having the full authority to enter into contracts of the proposed magnitude. All proposals submitted shall remain firm throughout contract. The Bidder shall provide a proposed price in accordance with the Bid Proposal Form enclosed herewith.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelope(s) addressed as follows:

**City of Benton Harbor**
**City Hall**
**City Clerk's Office**
**200 East Wall Street**
**Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022**

Envelope(s) shall be clearly marked with the following inscription: "Lawn Mowing Services Proposal 2020 and 2021"
The Bidder shall include in his/her proposal, a brief history of his/her company and three references of accounts presently (or recently) receiving services similar to the proposed services. The Bidder shall provide detailed information regarding those efforts contemplated for subcontracting (if any). Efforts to be addressed include mowing, raking, sweeping, clearing, hauling, trimming, edging, pruning, transferring, sorting, and disposal, if applicable.

Proposals must be hand-delivered or mailed by the deadline. Any proposals received after the time and date specified, shall be declared unresponsive, and will be returned to the sender without review or further comment from the City. Bidder is hereby advised that depositing proposals with postal, package, or common carriers does not constitute delivery of the same to City. The City of Benton Harbor assumes no responsibility for late arrival.

The Request for Proposal, in its entirety, is available on the City of Benton Harbor's website: bhcity.us.

The City of Benton Harbor reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; to waive any irregularities therein; to increase or decrease the quantities listed; to award the contract to other than the low bidder; or to accept any responsible proposal.

Kimberly Thompson,
City Clerk
03/16/2020

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPECIAL NOTICE

**Attn: Disabled**
American Veterans

Once again election of new officers for Chapter 17. We urge all members to attend for this up and coming year July 2020 to June 2021.

Place: Union St. Benton Harbor The Moose Club House
Time: 7:00 PM
Date: Thurs, April 2, 2020

**It's Time to retire!**
Catch-Um Lake Bait Shop, fishing ponds and campground will not re-open on April 1st, and will remain closed. Thank you to all my customers for your business and loyalty for the past 35 years.

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**Cody Keller** and family would like extend their gratitude and appreciation to the many businesses that helped with donations as well as the many individuals that donated items, and/or helped with the event. Then benefit dinner for Cody Keller was a great success and shows how a community call pull together.

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## HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

When you head in a new direction, don't burn bridges. Remaining well-connected will come in handy. A change is overdue, but sufficient preparation will be necessary to meet the requirements specified. Don't get frustrated, upset or vindictive. See the potential in what's being offered, and proceed without hesitation.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** An emotional matter will surface if you are required to deal with a problematic individual. Get your facts straight and use diplomacy to avoid backlash. Focus on creative pursuits and a healthier lifestyle.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Diplomacy will work wonders for you today. If you offer solutions and help people, an unanticipated reward will come your way. Romance will enhance your life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Be straight with whoever you deal with today. If you mislead someone, you will end up in a compromising position. Emotional situations will escalate quickly. Protect your reputation.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't hesitate when it comes to profitable situations. Be sure to take advantage of an opportunity. Positive changes at home or in meaningful relationships are featured. Celebrate with a loved one.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Busy yourself with home improvements. Look at real estate or invest in something you believe in, but don't compromise your financial situation. Time is on your side, so don't feel pressured.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Indulge in exciting conversations. Listen carefully and consider what's valid and what isn't. An idea you have will go over well with someone you like. Romance is encouraged.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You can make significant headway in your plans. An innovative approach to something you've been working toward will bring new meaning to your life. Communication and travel are favored.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Social events will lead to a chance meeting with someone you find inspiring. You will realize what you've been missing and make adjustments that will encourage positive change. Romance is featured.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Don't be fooled by someone using manipulative tactics. Ulterior motives are present. Before you engage in a partnership, you should find out what you will have to contribute.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you are quick to react, you will get what you want. Positive changes in your personal and professional lives will lead to new beginnings. A makeover will lead to compliments.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** An experience will remind you of something from your childhood. Use memories to reinvent something you used to enjoy doing. A heart-to-heart conversation with a loved one is encouraged.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you exaggerate or mislead someone, the truth will come out. The quicker you put an end to pending problems, the sooner you will be able to move on.

# CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers C3

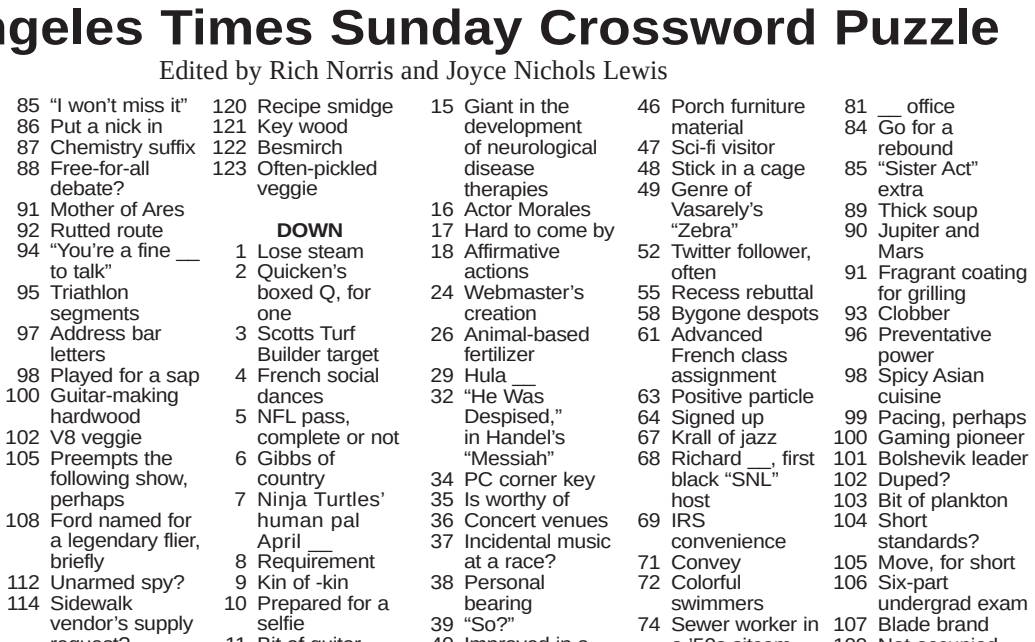
## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**"COMPONENTS LACKING" By GAIL GRABOWSKI**

**ACROSS**
1 Thin coating
5 Square things
10 Hi-tech training site
15 City on the Aare
19 Palm native to South American swampland
20 Precept
21 Family name in Civil War fiction
22 Golfer Aoki
23 Roadway closed for repairs?
25 Sturdy piece of lumber?
27 "Not interested" feeling
28 Maintain control (over)
30 Oater orphans
31 Online biz
33 Quirky
34 Prop for Mr. Monopoly
35 Hot Wheels maker
38 "Nixon in China" tenor role
40 Showed up for
44 Omits an attachment, say
45 TV show about Amtrak services?
50 "Dumbo" actress Green
51 Stephen of "Counterpart"
52 Had a stable baby
53 Insignia automaker
54 Presentation prop
56 __ 5000: annual list of the fastest-growing privately held companies
57 "Stranger Things" actor
58 Despicable sort
59 Surface
60 Pay attention
62 Cold War st.
63 Pequod co-owner
65 HR dept. data
66 Cornfield maze, e.g.?
70 Agitated state
73 Apply to
75 Mdse. category
76 "Right this way"
78 Boiling words
80 PepsiCo-owned chip brand
81 Command to start playing
82 Choose
83 Plane part
84 Carson's successor
85 "I won't miss it"
86 Put a nick in
87 Chemistry suffix
88 Free-for-all debate?
91 Mother of Ares
92 Rutted route
94 "You're a fine __ to talk"
95 Triathlon segments
97 Address bar letters
98 Played for a sap
100 Guitar-making hardwood
102 V8 veggie
105 Preempts the following show, perhaps
108 Ford named for a legendary flier, briefly
112 Unarmed spy?
114 Sidewalk vendor's supply request?
116 They're often scrambled
117 Big dos
118 Sure rival
119 It's near the humerus
120 Recipe smidge
121 Key wood
122 Besmirch
123 Often-pickled veggie

**DOWN**
1 Lose steam
2 Quicken's boxed Q, for one
3 Scotts Turf Builder target
4 French social dances
5 NFL pass, complete or not
6 Gibbs of country
7 Ninja Turtles' human pal April __
8 Requirement
9 Kin of -kin
10 Prepared for a selfie
11 Bit of guitar music notation
12 Heap kudos on
13 Prince Valiant's son
14 Statistician's concern
15 Giant in the development of neurological disease therapies
16 Actor Morales
17 Hard to come by
18 Affirmative actions
24 Webmaster's creation
26 Animal-based fertilizer
29 Hula __
32 "He Was Despised," in Handel's "Messiah"
34 PC corner key
35 Is worthy of
36 Concert venues
37 Incidental music at a race?
38 Personal bearing
39 "So?"
40 Improved in a barrel
41 Make sketches of Barbie dolls?
42 Pre-event periods
43 Glen relative
46 Porch furniture material
47 Sci-fi visitor
48 Stick in a cage
49 Genre of Vasarely's "Zebra"
52 Twitter follower, often
55 Recess rebuttal
58 Bygone despots
61 Advanced French class assignment
63 Positive particle
64 Signed up
67 Krall of jazz
68 Richard __, first black "SNL" host
69 IRS convenience
71 Convey
72 Colorful swimmers
74 Sewer worker in a '50s sitcom
77 Sgts.' superiors
78 Like most cupcakes
79 Salon service with a pedi
80 Give for a while
81 __ office
84 Go for a rebound
85 "Sister Act" extra
89 Thick soup
90 Jupiter and Mars
91 Fragrant coating for grilling
93 Clobber
96 Preventative power
98 Spicy Asian cuisine
99 Pacing, perhaps
100 Gaming pioneer
101 Bolshevik leader
102 Duped?
103 Bit of plankton
104 Short standards?
105 Move, for short
106 Six-part undergrad exam
107 Blade brand
109 Not occupied
110 Surrealist Magritte
111 "Phooey!"
113 Yak it up
115 "Silent Spring" subj.



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## HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

You'll lean toward creative projects and people this year. The less time spent worrying about what might go wrong, the better. Let the past go and clear a path to a brighter future. Choose a direction that will stimulate your mind and promote personal gain and a healthier lifestyle.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Discipline will pay off. Look at your options and make choices that will encourage a lifestyle that will ease stress and fulfill you mentally, physically and emotionally.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If you let your mind wander back to days gone by, you'll discover something or someone who has been missing from your life. Love and romance are in a high cycle.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Emotional matters will surface, causing confusion and uncertainty. Gather facts and look at situations honestly. Don't cave under pressure. Know when to say no and walk away.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Turn your home into a place of comfort. Your happiness depends on how you live and on doing what brings you the most joy. Make plans with a loved one.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Seize the moment and go after what you want. Don't let someone who is indulgent or lazy tempt you to sit back and do nothing. If you take action, you'll feel satisfaction instead of remorse.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Don't take anything for granted. When you least expect it, someone will let you down. Cover every angle and take responsibility for your happiness. Do what you do best.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You'll be questioning your next move. Don't worry so much. Take a deep breath and relax for a moment. If you let your mind wander, you'll come up with an innovative plan.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you want to spend more time with someone, let them know. Making personal plans will give you something to look forward to and will enhance a meaningful relationship.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Be careful whom you trust. Joint ventures aren't likely to go as planned. Truth matters, along with consistency and realism. Think before you act. Avoid indulgent behavior.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Money is heading your way, a job can be changed, and an opportunity can be taken advantage of if you are quick to react. Sharing personal goals with a loved one will bring you closer together.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Don't succumb to someone who is promising you the world, but not working to fulfill that pledge. Consider what's being offered and counter with an ultimatum.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't waste time. If you aren't happy, trust and believe in your ability, and make changes that will help you maintain peace of mind. Personal growth and happiness should be priorities.


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## Answer To Today's Puzzle

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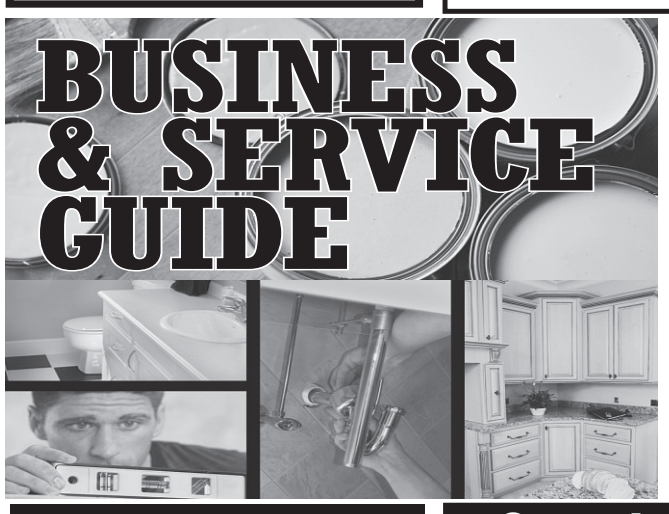


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## Accountant

B&L Info rmation Systems in Bridgman Michigan, the leading software developer in ERP (enterprise resource planning) solutions to the metal casting industry, has an immediate need for a an Accountant. This is a unique opportunity to become part of a growing company that is committed to a high standard of excellence, professional growth and passionate about success.

**We offer a great benefit package:**
- $60,000 - $80,000 annual salary
- Paid health care
- Profit-Sharing plan
- 401 k plan with company match
- 2 weeks paid vacation (3 weeks after 5 years)
- Gym membership
- Professional development opportunities

**Responsibilities:**
- Prepare and analyze summary reports on all financial activities
- Maintains accounting controls by preparing and enforcing policies and procedures
- Maintains customer confidence and protects operations by keeping financial information confidential
- Responsible for month-end and year-end accounting activities
- Manages accounts receivable revenue streams from contract creation to cash collection
- Understands deferred income concepts
- Manages financial transactions and monitors and controls cash flow
- Provides expert assistance by reviewing internally generated reports for accuracy, reconciling various accounts and troubleshooting problems as they arise
- Prepares distribution of financial reports, balance sheets, cash flow statements, P&L's, KPI's, and accounts receivable reports to management and arranges meetings, if appropriate, to discuss variances and/or irregularities prompting resolutions
- Responds to Management Team as assigned with accurate and timely work
- Supports the Company's key strategic initiatives by preparing ad hoc reports and performing other special projects, as needed
- Prepares and processes semi-monthly payroll
- Approves all expense reimbursements
- Facilitates 401 k Plan activities

**Basic Qualifications:**
- Ability to create & build relationships and effectively deal with people of all levels within an organization
- Strong computer skills with emphasis on Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience in managing revenue recognition
- Experience with financial analysis and reporting
- Experience maintaining strict controls on confidentiality and accounting
- Excellent verbal written and presentation skills
- Strategic mindset focused on long term process improvements and business performance
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational skills/ability to follow up and track multiple outstanding items

**Education Requirements:**
- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance or Business with an emphasis on accounting
- Minimum of 5 years of related experience

This position will have a direct line reporting to the CEO/President.

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## Marketing Specialist

B&L Information Systems in Bridgman Michigan, the leading provider of ERP solutions to the metal casting industry, has an immediate need for a Marketing Specialist. The Marketing Specialist develops and oversees marketing programs in specific channels, to support business objectives, lead acquisition, foster customer retention, execute business development, provide sales support, and advance brand building.

**We Offer a great benefit package:**
- $45,000 - $55,000 annual salary
- Paid healthcare
- Profit-Sharing plan
- 401k plan with company match
- 2 weeks paid vacation (3 weeks after 5 years)
- Gym membership
- Professional development opportunities

**Essential Functions:**
- Build marketing programs to support specific marketing objectives across different channels and segments in support of our overall strategic marketing plan
- Partner with creative teams, other internal stakeholders, and external agencies and vendors
- Provide and execute the marketing plan for company events/ conferences
- Lead the execution of marketing programs from start to finish, driving collaboration with the stakeholders and leveraging the right internal processes
- Market through various channels and segment databases working with large data sets
- Develop business cases for marketing programs at the proposal stage and make recommendations on marketing tactics
- Evaluate the impact of marketing programs in achieving their stated objectives, including impact on lead flow, customer LTV and retention
- Propose and manage marketing research projects to generate consumer insights in support of improved marketing strategy and communications
- Work closely with industry organizations for sponsorships, ad placements, trade shows and conferences
- Experience building complex marketing programs and reporting on the results
- Experience writing newsletters and industry magazine articles a plus
- Exposure to digital and direct response marketing
- Competence as a creative writer with an eye for great emails and landing pages
- Strong problem-solving ability, including metrics-driven thinking
- Ability to travel as necessary to represent the company at trade shows or conferences

**Position Type/Expected Hours of Work**
- This is a full-time position.

**Travel**
- Travel is expected for this position.

**Required Education and Experience**
- Bachelor's Degree in Marketing or Business
- 4+ years of experience in marketing

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RAM TRUCK MONTH

Jeep CELEBRATION EVENT

## 2019 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK, SNOW PLOW PEP PACKAGE, RAM BOX CARGO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, 6.7 CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINE, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, AND MUCH MORE! C19234

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| MSRP | $55,545 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 3,550 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $51,995 |
| GREAT LAKES BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH | - 2,000 |
| RAM BONUS CASH COUPON MARCH | - 250 |
| GREAT LAKES 2019 BONUS CASH | - 1,000 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $48,745 |
| GREAT LAKES BC CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE | - 500 |
| FCA CONQUEST BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

AS LOW AS $47,245

(*MUST QUALIFY)

## 2019 RAM 3500 CREW CAB 4X4 DUMP TRUCK DEMO

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.7 CUMMINS DIESEL, CHROME TUBULAR STEPS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, INTEGRATED VOICE COMMAND WITH BLUETOOTH, REMOTE START, VOTH ALUMINUM DUMP BODY WITH DROP SIDES, HITCH, AND MUCH MORE! C19201

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| MSRP | $57,190 |
| ADD FOR DUMP BODY | +14,785 |
| SUBTOTAL | $71,975 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 5,980 |
| GREAT LAKES BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH | - 2,000 |
| ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT | - 1,000 |
| RAM BONUS CASH COUPON MARCH | - 250 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $62,745 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |
| GREAT LAKES BC CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE* | - 500 |

AS LOW AS $61,745

(*MUST QUALIFY)

## 2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

HYDRO BLUE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, POWER LIFTGATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20043

LEASE FOR $299/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $2,700 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

## 2019 CHRYSLER PACIFICA LIMITED

BILLET SILVER METALLIC, 20 SPEAKER HARMON KARDON SOUND GROUP, U-CONNECT THEATRE, 20 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, 360 SURROUND VIEW CAMERA SYSTEM, HANDS FREE SLIDING DOORS, NAVIGATION, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TRI-PANE PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, FORWARD COLLISON WARNING, LANE DEPARTURE WARNING, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, AND MUCH MORE! C19300

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| MSRP | $50,570 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 8,575 |

AS LOW AS $41,995

## 2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, PERFORATED LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, LANE DEPARTURE WARNING, DUAL PANE PANORAMIC ROOF, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, POWER LIFTGATE, ALPINE SPEAKER SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C20031

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| MSRP | $51,035 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 2,290 |
| NATIONAL RETAIL CONSUMER CASH | - 2,000 |
| CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2020 BONUS CASH | - 750 |
| NATIONAL 2020 RETAIL BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH | - 2,000 |
| JEEP CELEBRATION EVENT SELECT INVENTORY | - 500 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $42,995 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |
| GREAT LAKES BC REGIONAL GRAND CHEROKEE CONQUEST* | - 1,500 |
| GREAT LAKES BC CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE* | - 500 |

AS LOW AS $40,495

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU CHRYSLER CAPITAL)

## 2019 DODGE CHALLENGER GT ALL WHEEL DRIVE

TOR RED, POWER SUNROOF, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 19 INCH PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, POWER SEAT, BACK-UP CAMERA, REAR PARK ASSIST, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! C19311

LEASE FOR $339/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *(MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

## 2020 JEEP GLADIATOR OVERLAND 4X4

FIRECRACKER RED, LEATHER BUCKET SEATS, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, PREMIUM LED LIGHTING GROUP, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, NAVIGATION, PARKSENSE REAR PARK ASSIST SYSTEM, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C20004

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| MSRP | $52,200 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 3,205 |
| BONUS CASH | - 2,000 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $46,995 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

AS LOW AS $46,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

## 2020 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT 4X4

STING-GRAY, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, 8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20013

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| MSRP | $41,575 |
| FRIENDS & FAMILY DISCOUNT | - 1,744 |
| GREAT LAKES BC RETAIL BONUS CASH | - 1,500 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $38,331 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

AS LOW AS $37,831

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| MSRP | $34,660 |
| ADD FOR BAYBRIDGE BODY | +10,953 |
| SUBTOTAL | $45,613 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 4,118 |
| FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 2,500 |
| FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS* | - 1,750 |
| FORD COMMERCIAL UPFIT BONUS CASH | - 1,000 |

SALE PRICE* $36,245

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT

## 2019 FORD F-350 CREW CAB 4X4 DUALLY KING RANCH

WHITE PLATINUM METALLIC TRI-COAT, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, 6.7 POWER STROKE DIESEL, LIMITED SLIP REAR AXLE, ADAPTIVE STEERING, LANE KEEPING ALERT, ULTIMATE TRAILER TOW CAMERA, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, POWER MOONROOF, QUAD BEAM LED HEADLAMPS, BLIND SPOT INFO SYSTEM, HEATED FRONT AND REAR SEATS, SPRAY-IN BEDLINER, 5TH WHEEL HITCH PREP, VEHICLE SAFE BY CONSOLE VAULT, AND MUCH MORE! F19443

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| MSRP | $80,860 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 4,865 |
| FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT RETAIL CASH* | - 2,500 |
| FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH | - 750 |
| FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 500 |

SALE PRICE* $72,245

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT

## 2019 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

RACE RED, MAGNETIC ACCENT, REMOTE START, HEATED SEATS, 2.7 ECOBOOST ENGINE, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, NAVIGATION, LOCKING REAR AXLE, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, AND MUCH MORE! F19452

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| MSRP | $49,685 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 3,440 |
| FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CLUSTOMER CASH | - 2,750 |
| FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL BONUS CASH | - 750 |
| FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH* | - 3,250 |
| FORD BONUS CASH | - 250 |
| FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 500 |
| FORD BUILTTO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH* | - 2,000 |
| FORD FAST CASH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM | - 250 |

SALE PRICE* $36,495

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## 2019 FORD MUSTANG ECOBOOST CONVERTIBLE DEMO

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| MSRP | $43,140 |
| SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT | - 4,395 |
| FORD MUSTANG RETAIL CASH | - 1,000 |
| FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH* | - 1,500 |
| FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH | - 750 |
| FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 500 |

SALE PRICE* $34,995

(*MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

## 2019 FORD RANGER LARIAT CREW CAB 4X4

OXFORD WHITE, EBONY LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, HARD FOLD TONNEAU COVER, FX4 OFF ROAD PACKAGE, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, FORD PASS CONNECT, LANE KEEPING SYSTEM, BLIND SPOT MONITORING, REVERSE SENSING, FORWARD SENSING SYSTEM, B & O 10 SPEAKER SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F19358

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| MSRP | $46,130 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 2,385 |
| FORD MATCHING DOWN RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 500 |
| FORD BUILT TO LEND A HAND FORD CREDIT BONUS CASH* | - 1,500 |
| FORD "GM & RAM CONQUEST BONUS CASH* | - 3,000 |

SALE PRICE* $38,745

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## 2020 FORD ESCAPE SE ALL WHEEL DRIVE

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## 2020 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

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LEASE FOR $289 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

## 2020 FORD EXPLORER LIMITED 4 WHEEL

MAGNETIC METALLIC, SANDSTONE LEATHER INTERIOR, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, 20 INCH HAND POLISHED ALUMINUM WHEELS, HANDS FREE LIFT GATE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, POWER-FOLD THIRD ROW SEATS, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, WIRELESS CHARGING PAD, NAVIGATION, AND MUCH MORE! F20045

LEASE FOR $389 PER MONTH*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD RCL RENEWAL, OFFER EXPIRES 03/31/20

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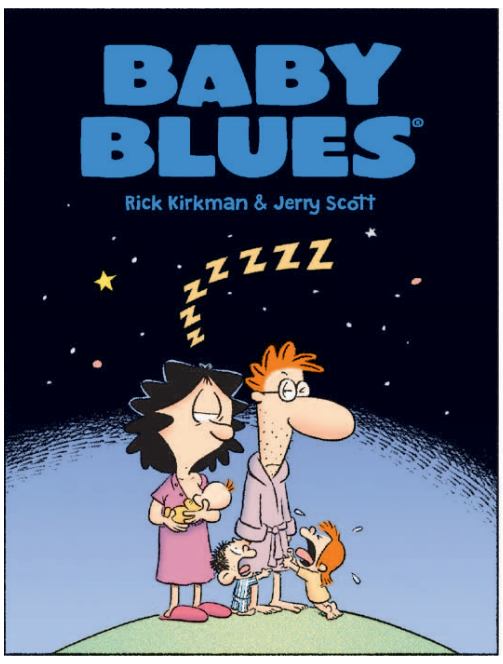

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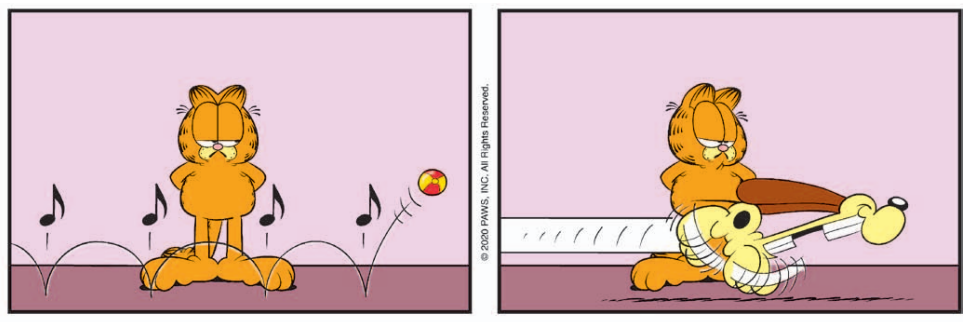

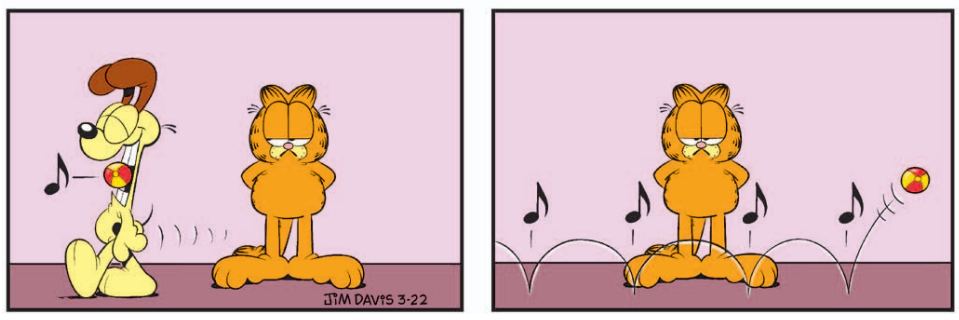




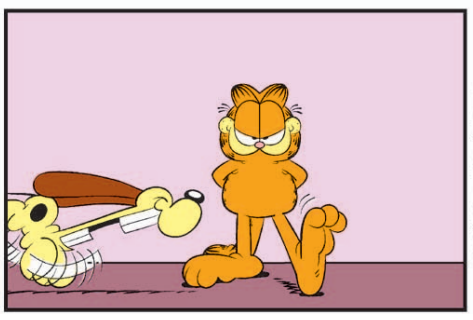

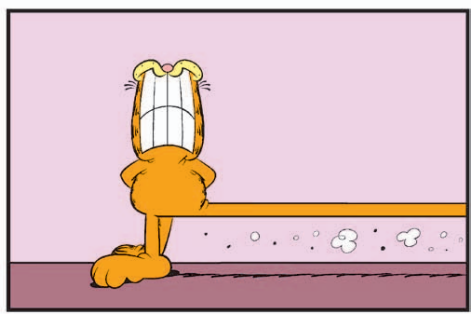


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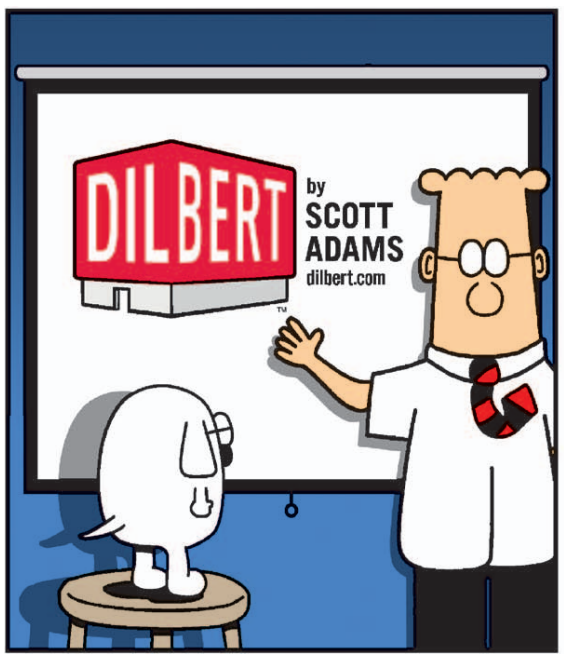

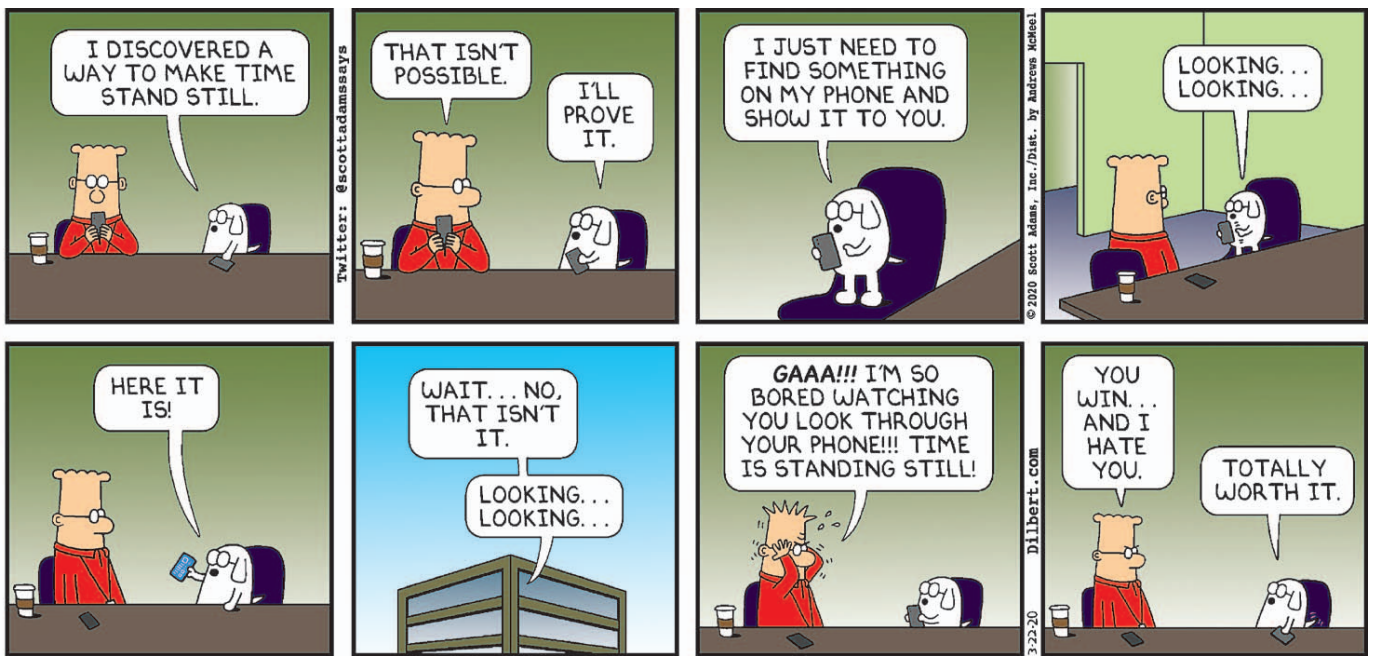
I DISCOVERED A WAY TO MAKE TIME STAND STILL.
HERE IT IS!
THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE.
I'LL PROVE IT.
WAIT... NO, THAT ISN'T IT.
LOOKING... LOOKING...
I JUST NEED TO FIND SOMETHING ON MY PHONE AND SHOW IT TO YOU.
GAAA!!! I'M SO BORED WATCHING YOU LOOK THROUGH YOUR PHONE!!! TIME IS STANDING STILL!
LOOKING... LOOKING...
YOU WIN... AND I HATE YOU.
TOTALLY WORTH IT.
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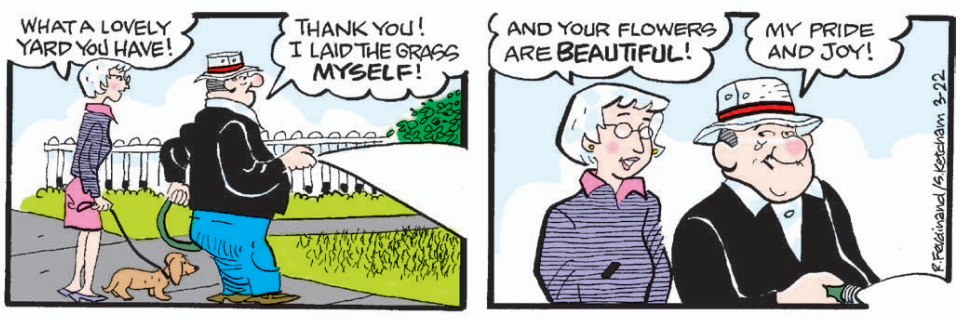
## Dennis the Menace: Pride & Joy

Hank Ketcham's


WHAT A LOVELY YARD YOU HAVE!
THANK YOU! I LAID THE GRASS MYSELF!
AND YOUR FLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL!
MY PRIDE AND JOY!
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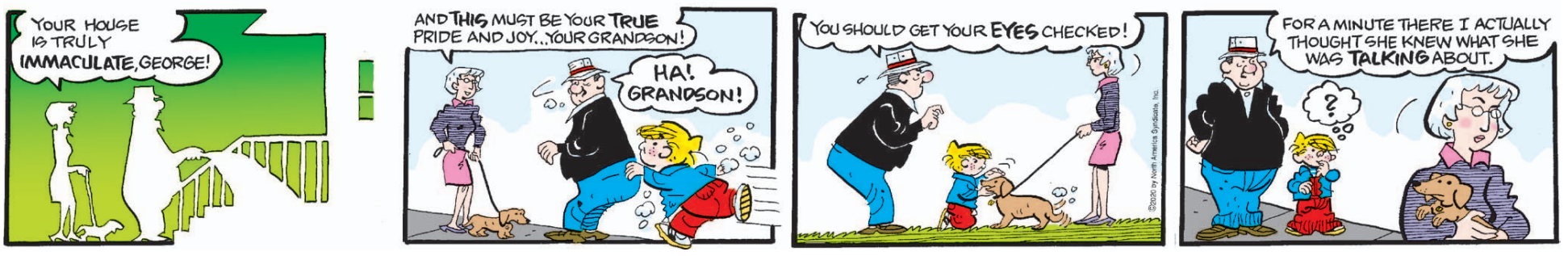
YOUR HOUSE IS TRULY IMMACULATE, GEORGE!
AND THIS MUST BE YOUR TRUE PRIDE AND JOY... YOUR GRANDSON!
HA! GRANDSON!
YOU SHOULD GET YOUR EYES CHECKED!
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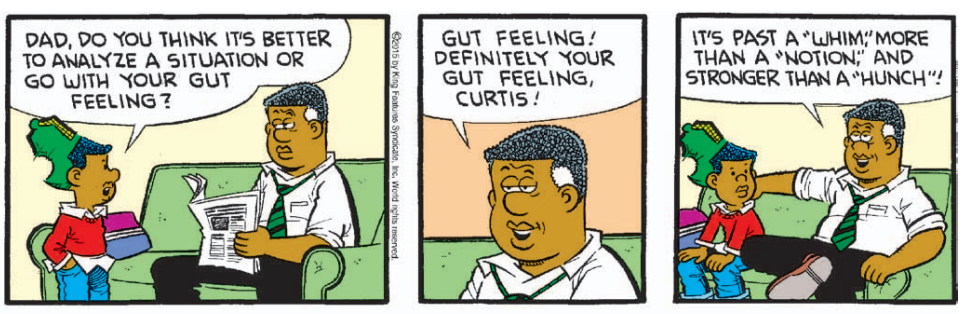
FOR A MINUTE THERE I ACTUALLY THOUGHT SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
?

## Curtis

by RAY BILLINGSLEY


DAD, DO YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO ANALYZE A SITUATION OR GO WITH YOUR GUT FEELING?
GUT FEELING! DEFINITELY YOUR GUT FEELING, CURTIS!
IT'S PAST A "WHIM," MORE THAN A "NOTION," AND STRONGER THAN A "HUNCH"!
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PEOPLE TEND TO MAKE THEIR BIGGEST MISTAKES BY NOT FOLLOWING THEIR GUT FEELINGS!
THEY COME FROM DEEP WITHIN, LIKE INSTINCT! THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED "GUT FEELINGS"!
TRUST YOUR GUT FEELING, CURTIS, IT WON'T STEER YOU WRONG!
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THANKS FOR THE ADVICE, DAD
GLAD I COULD HELP, CURTIS! ANYTIME!
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I WAS GOING TO TELL HIM THAT I SPENT A TEN-DOLLAR BILL I FOUND ON HIS DRESSER, BUT MY GUT FEELING TOLD ME NOT TO!
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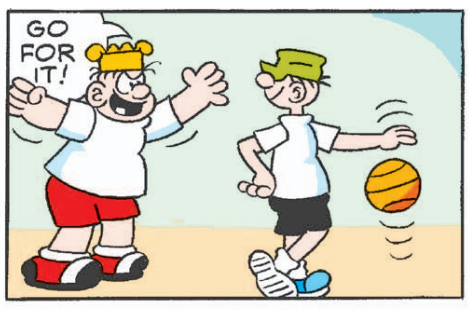
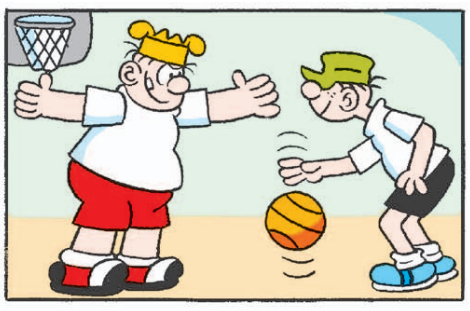
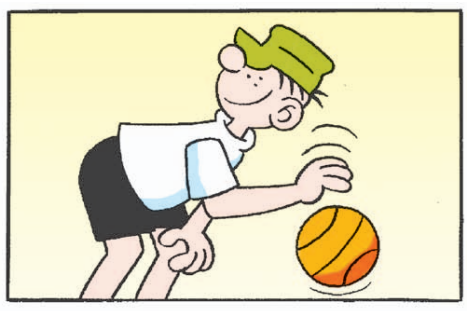
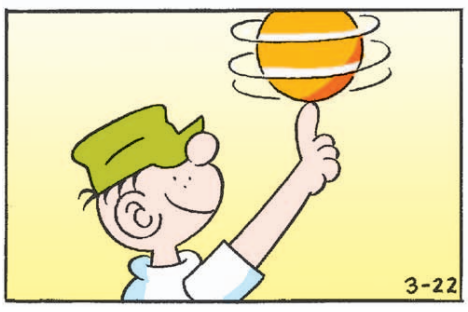
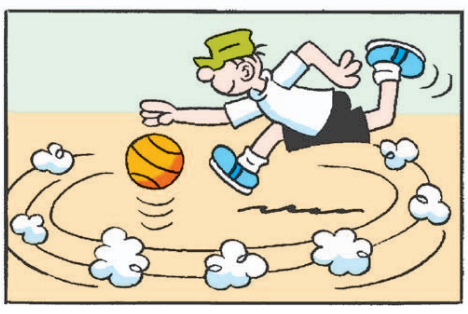
## Mort Walker's beetle bailey®

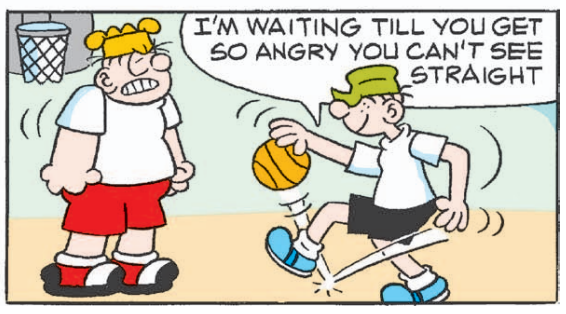









## BLONDIE

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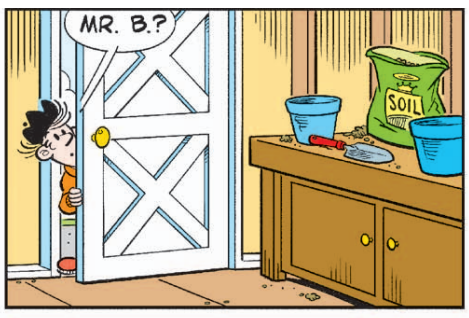


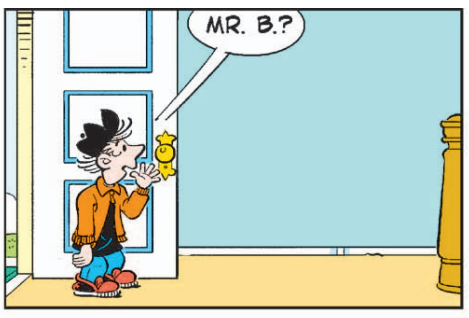


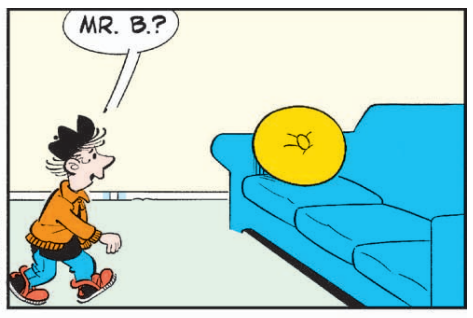


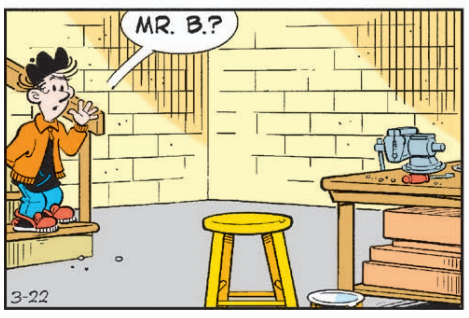


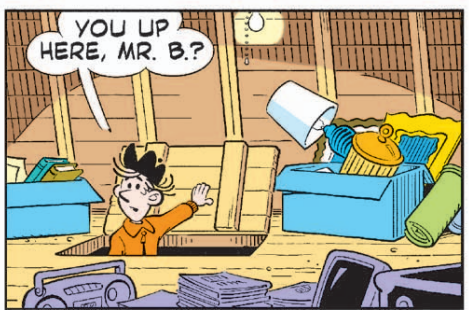


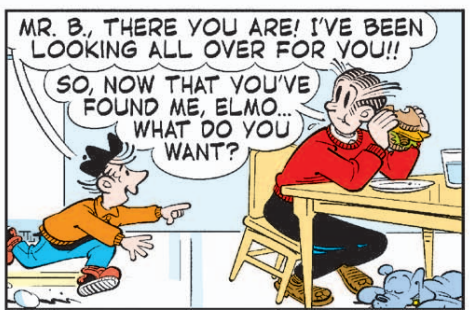
MR. B., THERE YOU ARE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!!
SO, NOW THAT YOU'VE FOUND ME, ELMO... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
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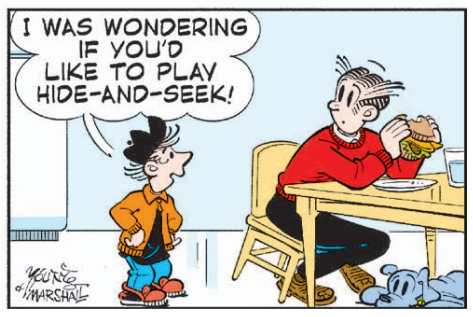


## MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell

AFTER THE SPRING EQUINOX THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE TILTS TOWARD THE SUN, MAKING OUR DAYS LONGER AND WARMER!
YESH
THAT WORKS.
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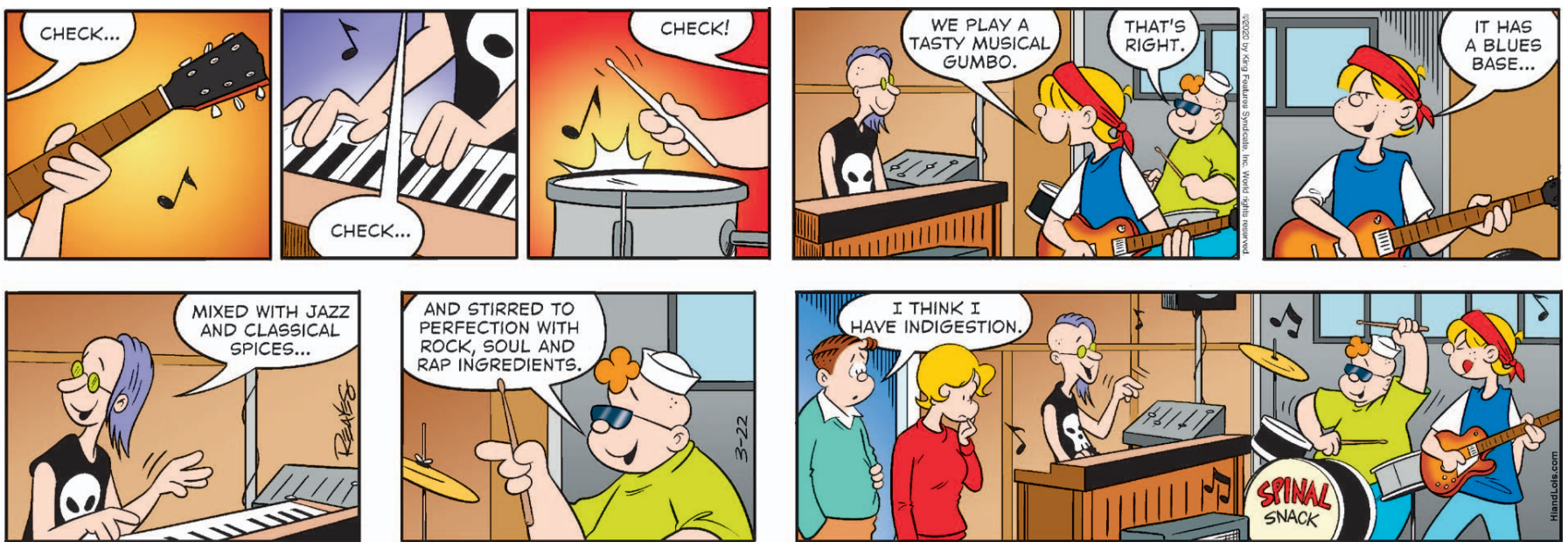


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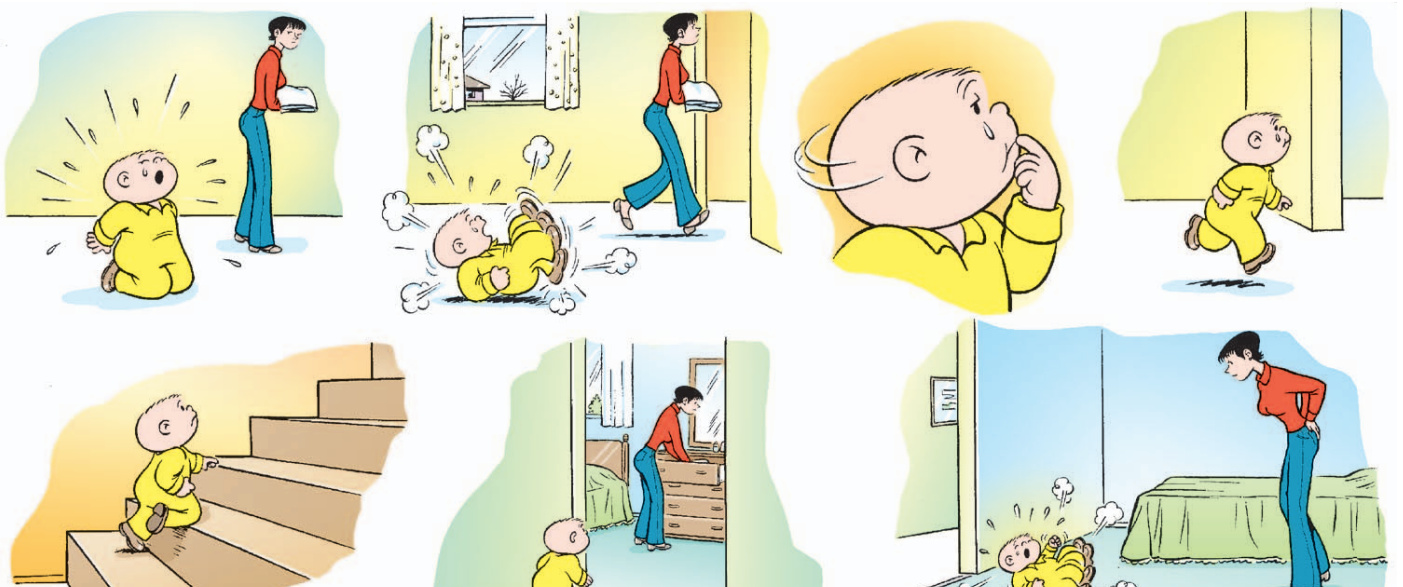
By Bil Keane



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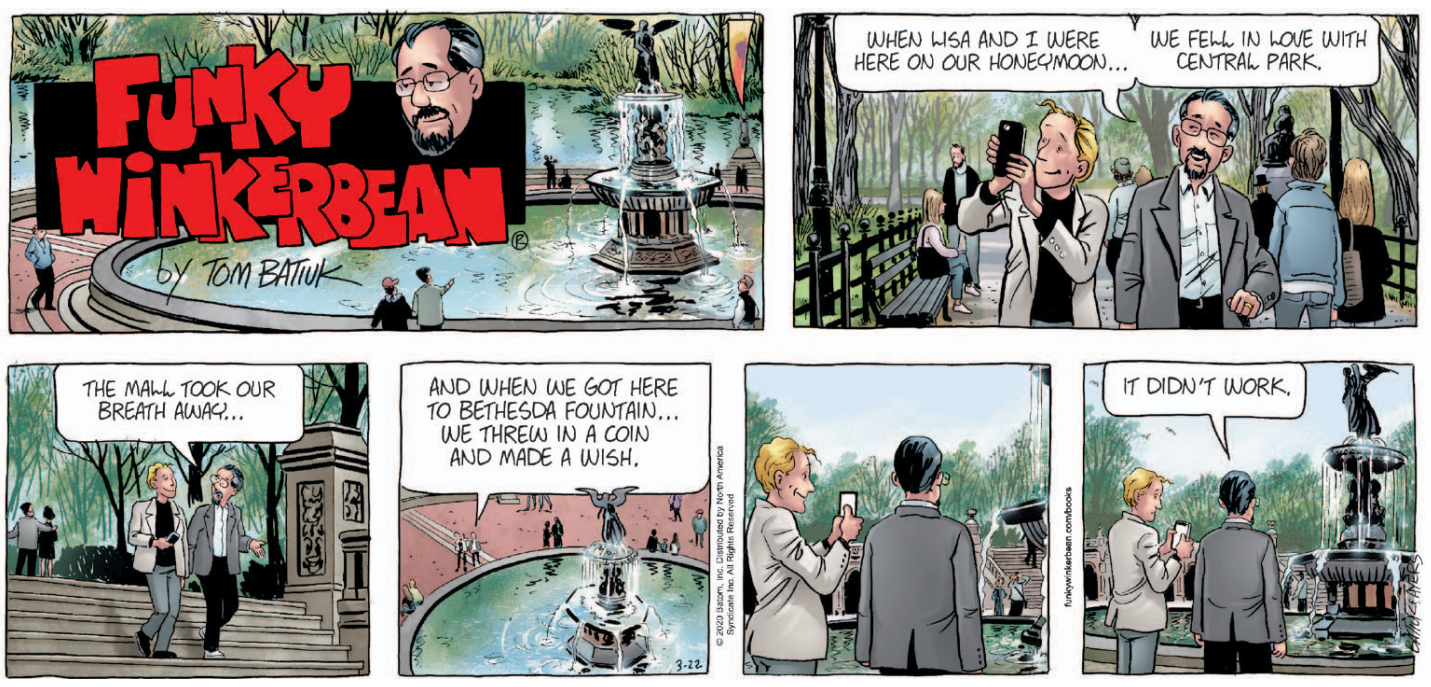
by TOM BATIUK


WHEN WISA AND I WERE HERE ON OUR HONEYMOON...
WE FELL IN LOVE WITH CENTRAL PARK.
THE MALL TOOK OUR BREATH AWAY...
AND WHEN WE GOT HERE TO BETHESDA FOUNTAIN... WE THREW IN A COIN AND MADE A WISH.
IT DIDN'T WORK.
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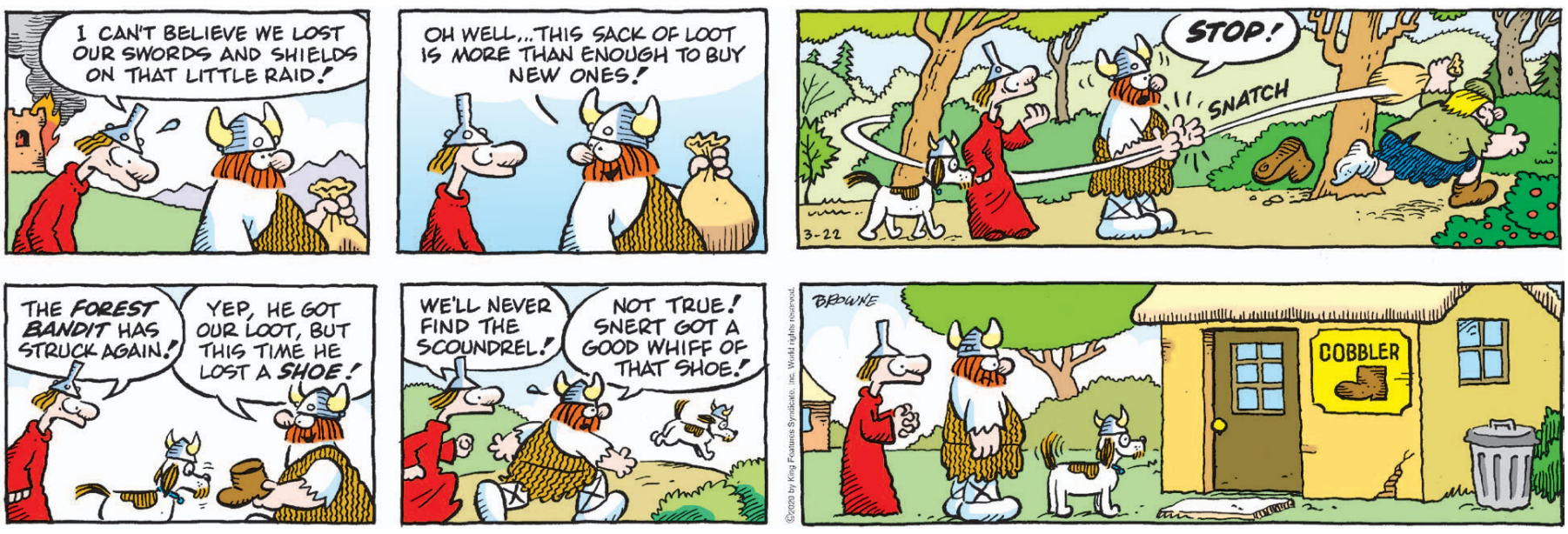
# HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE LOST OUR SWORDS AND SHIELDS ON THAT LITTLE RAID!
OH WELL...THIS SACK OF LOOT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BUY NEW ONES!
STOP!
SNATCH
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THE FOREST BANDIT HAS STRUCK AGAIN!
YEP, HE GOT OUR LOOT, BUT THIS TIME HE LOST A SHOE!
WE'LL NEVER FIND THE SCOUNDREL!
NOT TRUE! SNERT GOT A GOOD WHIFF OF THAT SHOE!
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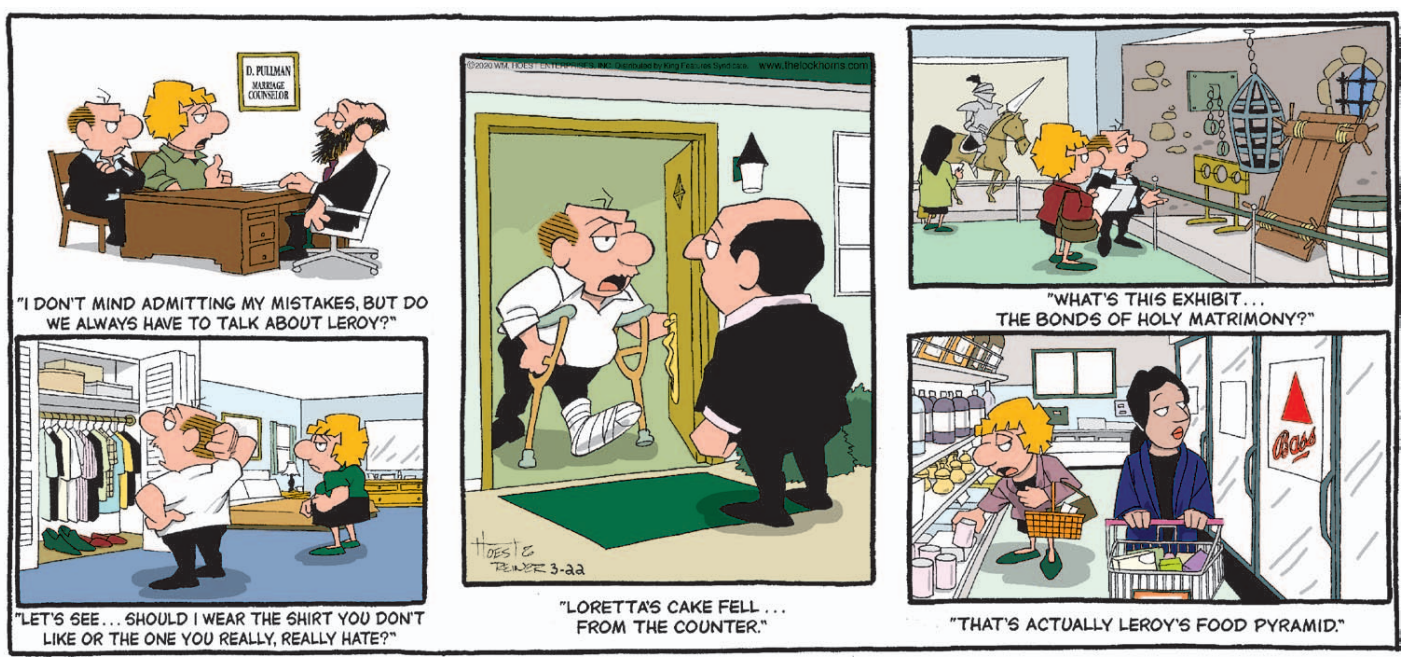
# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


D. PULLMAN MARRIAGE COUNSELOR
"I DON'T MIND ADMITTING MY MISTAKES, BUT DO WE ALWAYS HAVE TO TALK ABOUT LEROY?"
"LET'S SEE... SHOULD I WEAR THE SHIRT YOU DON'T LIKE OR THE ONE YOU REALLY, REALLY HATE?"
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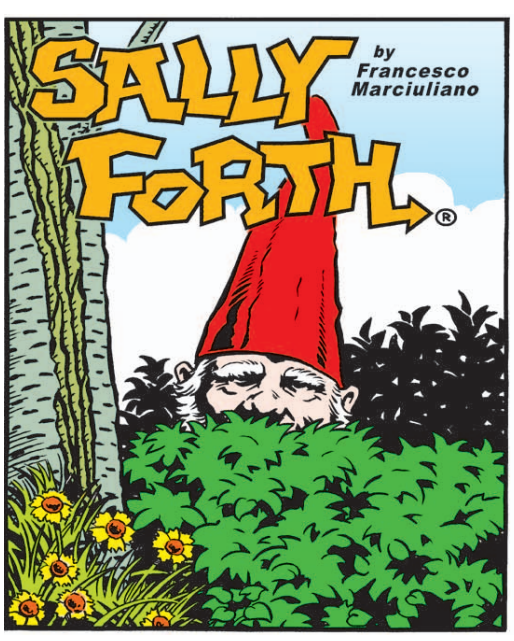
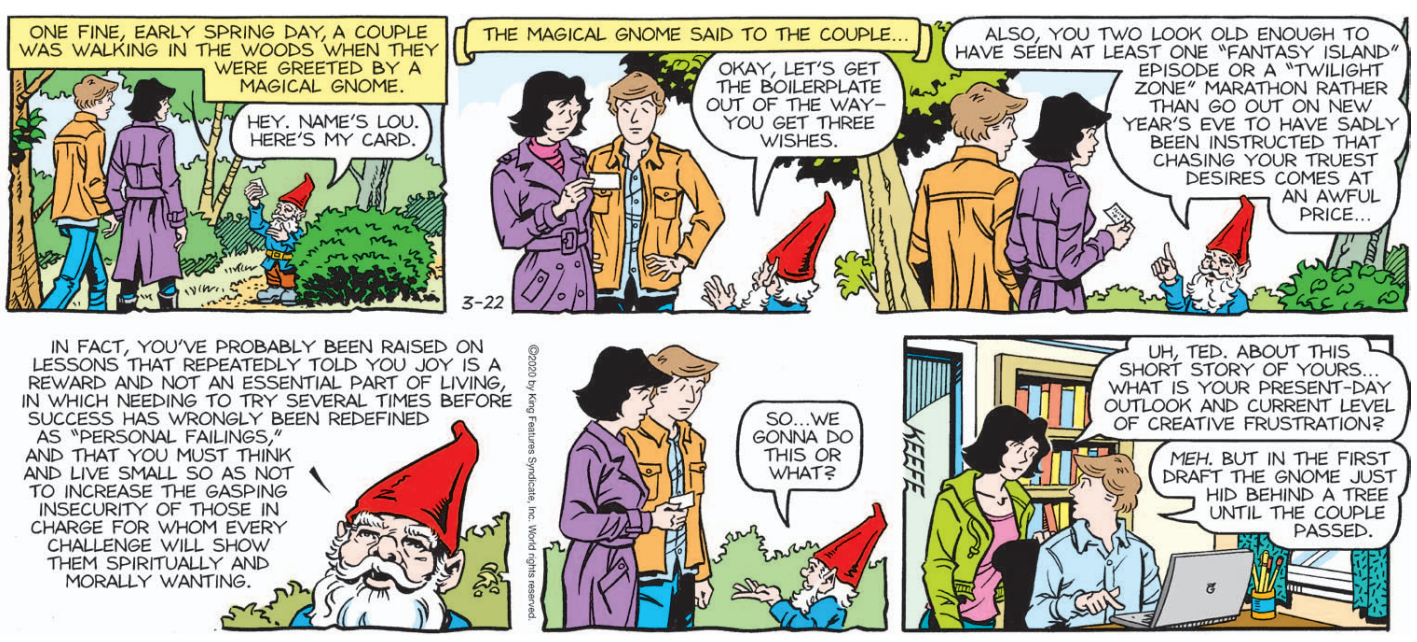
"LORETTA'S CAKE FELL . . . FROM THE COUNTER."
"WHAT'S THIS EXHIBIT... THE BONDS OF HOLY MATRIMONY?"
Boss
"THAT'S ACTUALLY LEROY'S FOOD PYRAMID."

# SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




ONE FINE, EARLY SPRING DAY, A COUPLE WAS WALKING IN THE WOODS WHEN THEY WERE GREETED BY A MAGICAL GNOME.
HEY. NAME'S LOU. HERE'S MY CARD.
THE MAGICAL GNOME SAID TO THE COUPLE...
OKAY, LET'S GET THE BOILERPLATE OUT OF THE WAY— YOU GET THREE WISHES.
ALSO, YOU TWO LOOK OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE SEEN AT LEAST ONE "FANTASY ISLAND" EPISODE OR A "TWILIGHT ZONE" MARATHON RATHER THAN GO OUT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE TO HAVE SADLY BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT CHASING YOUR TRUEST DESIRES COMES AT AN AWFUL PRICE...
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IN FACT, YOU'VE PROBABLY BEEN RAISED ON LESSONS THAT REPEATEDLY TOLD YOU JOY IS A REWARD AND NOT AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LIVING, IN WHICH NEEDING TO TRY SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE SUCCESS HAS WRONGLY BEEN REDEFINED AS "PERSONAL FAILINGS," AND THAT YOU MUST THINK AND LIVE SMALL SO AS NOT TO INCREASE THE GASPING INSECURITY OF THOSE IN CHARGE FOR WHOM EVERY CHALLENGE WILL SHOW THEM SPIRITUALLY AND MORALLY WANTING.
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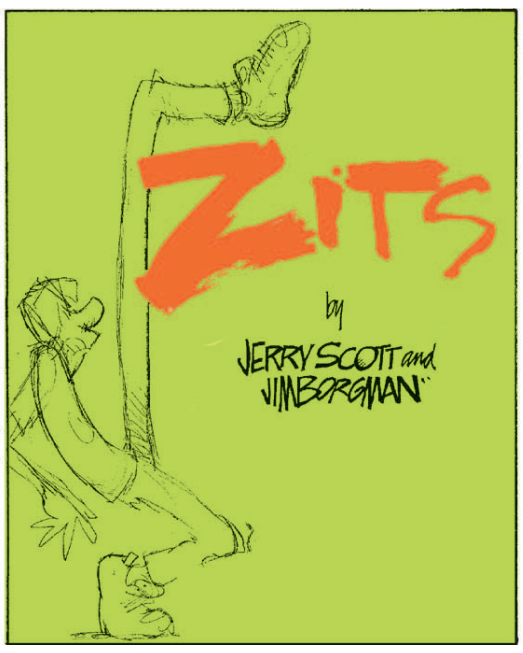
SO...WE GONNA DO THIS OR WHAT?
KEEFE
UH, TED. ABOUT THIS SHORT STORY OF YOURS... WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT-DAY OUTLOOK AND CURRENT LEVEL OF CREATIVE FRUSTRATION?
MEH. BUT IN THE FIRST DRAFT THE GNOME JUST HID BEHIND A TREE UNTIL THE COUPLE PASSED.

# ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN



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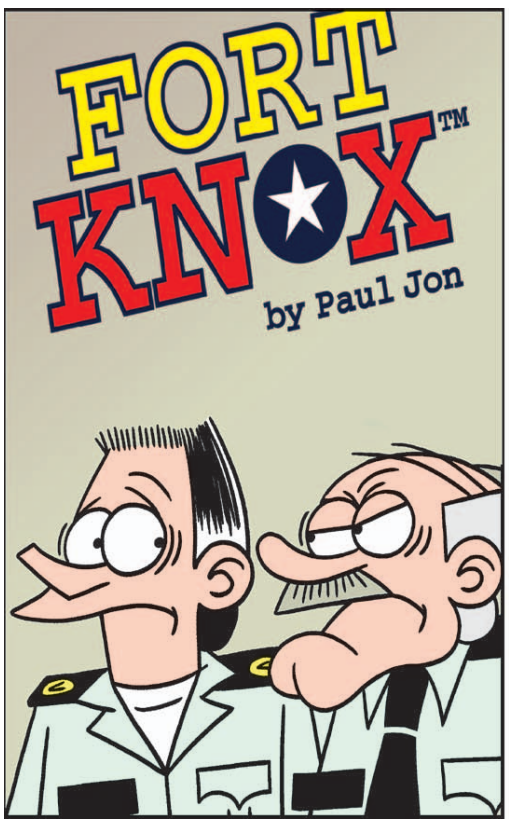

WHY IS MONDO WEARING THAT??
BECAUSE HE'S MY EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG.
LEAN ON ME
HOW CAN THIS MUTT POSSIBLY SUPPORT YOU?
EASILY.
BITE ME
BY PROVIDING ME WITH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
OUT 2 LUNCH
POOP patrol
Join www.facebook.com/fortknoxcomic & visit the Knox family at www.gocomics.com/fortknox
IN FACT, I WON'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT HIM.
GREAT... SO WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HIM NEXT?
ON MY NEW ZIP LINE.
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# WIZARD OF ID

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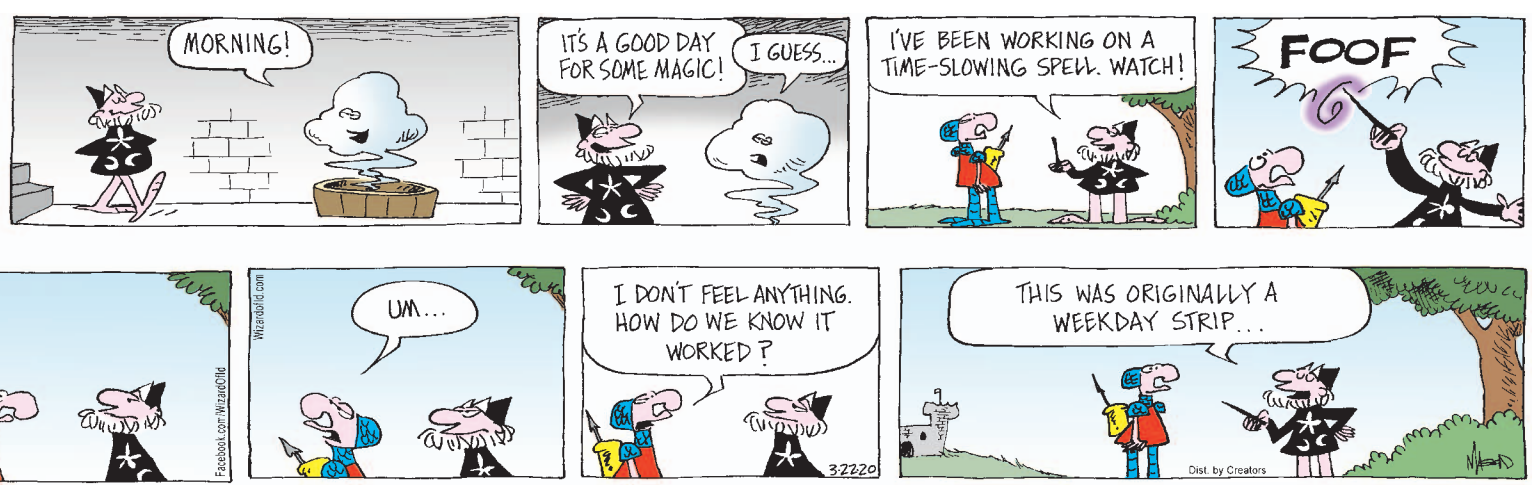

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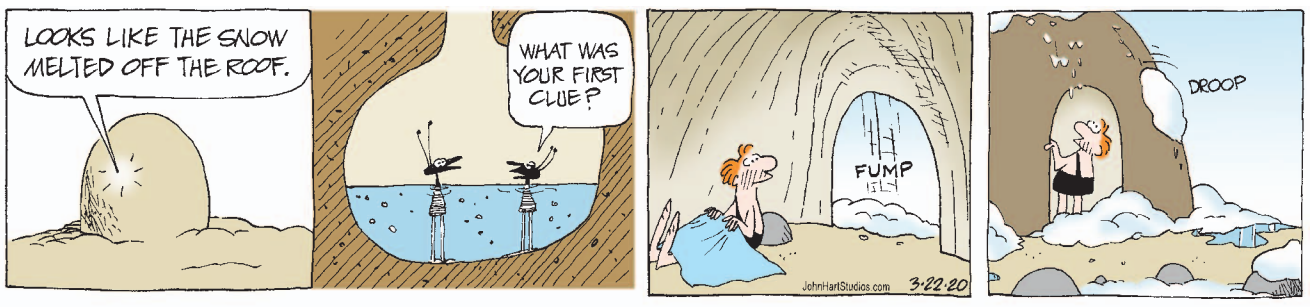


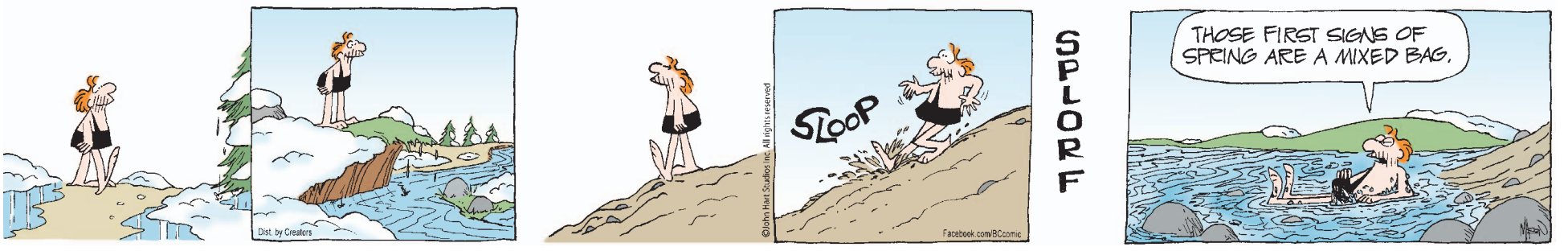


# BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro

We've only gone on two dates and already he's texting me pics of his bulging throat.
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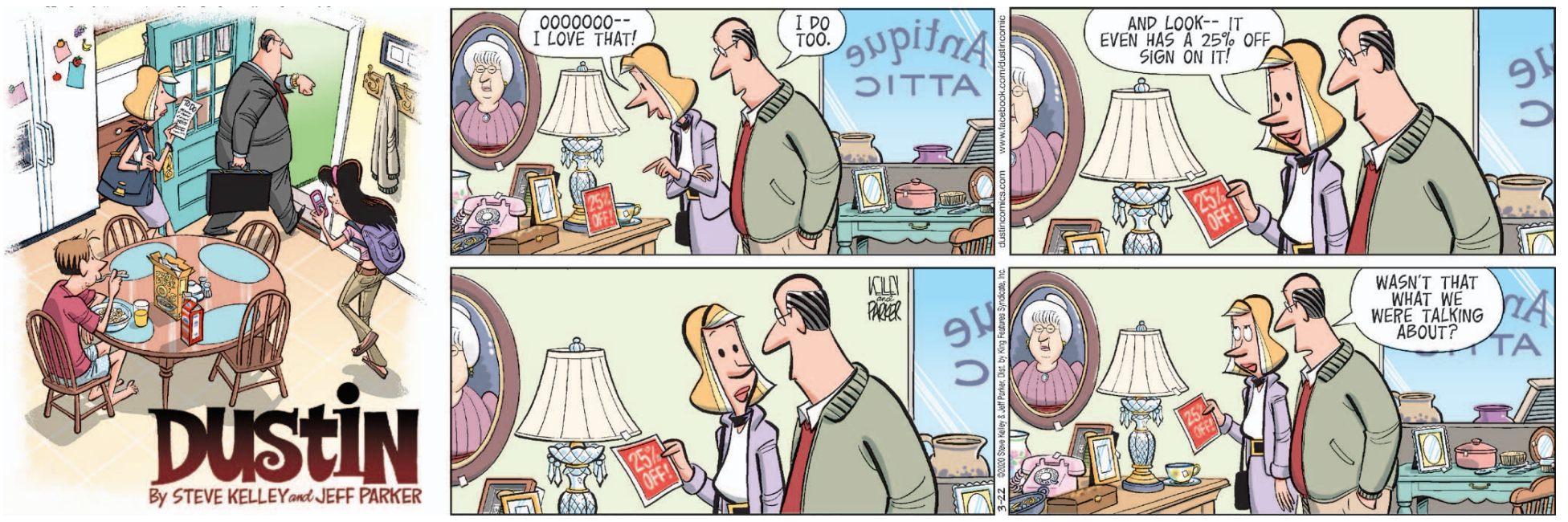
# DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER

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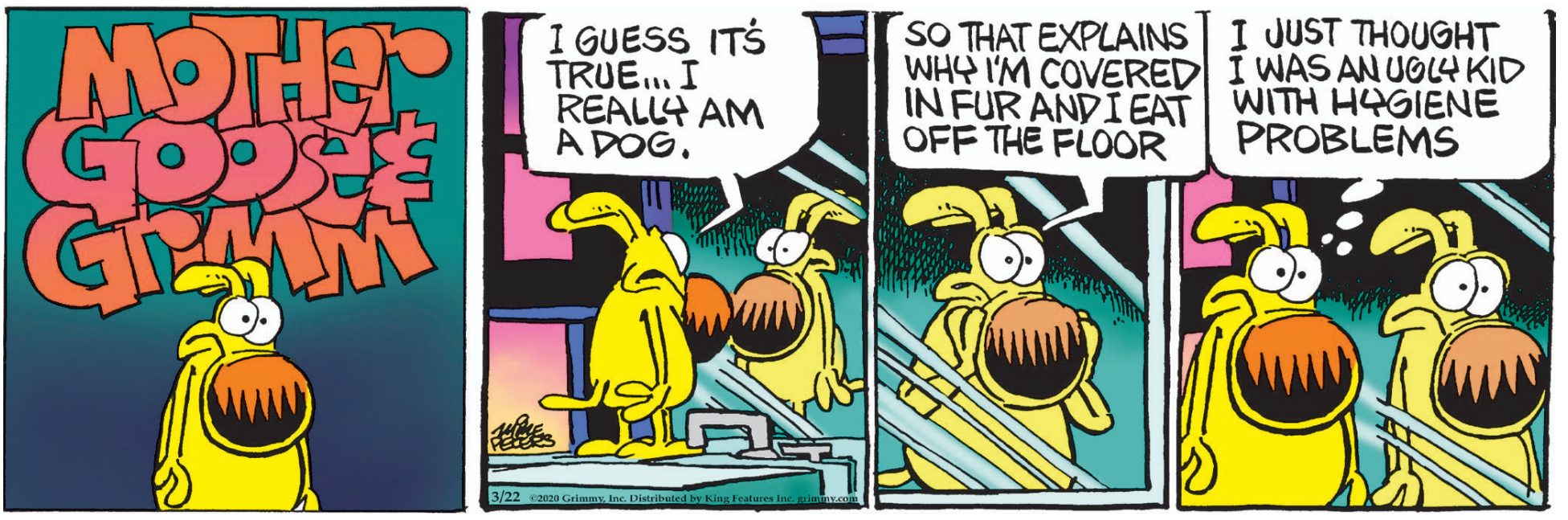
I GUESS ITS TRUE... I REALLY AM A DOG.
SO THAT EXPLAINS WHY I'M COVERED IN FUR AND I EAT OFF THE FLOOR
I JUST THOUGHT I WAS AN UGLY KID WITH HYGIENE PROBLEMS
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# PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

CLUNK!
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING. I JUST TRIPPED ON A RUG AND FELL DOWN.
OH, MY GOODNESS! ARE YOU OKAY?
YES. I'M FINE!
IF YOU'RE NOT FINE AND YOU SAID YOU ARE, I'LL SAY MEAN THINGS ABOUT YOU AT YOUR FUNERAL.
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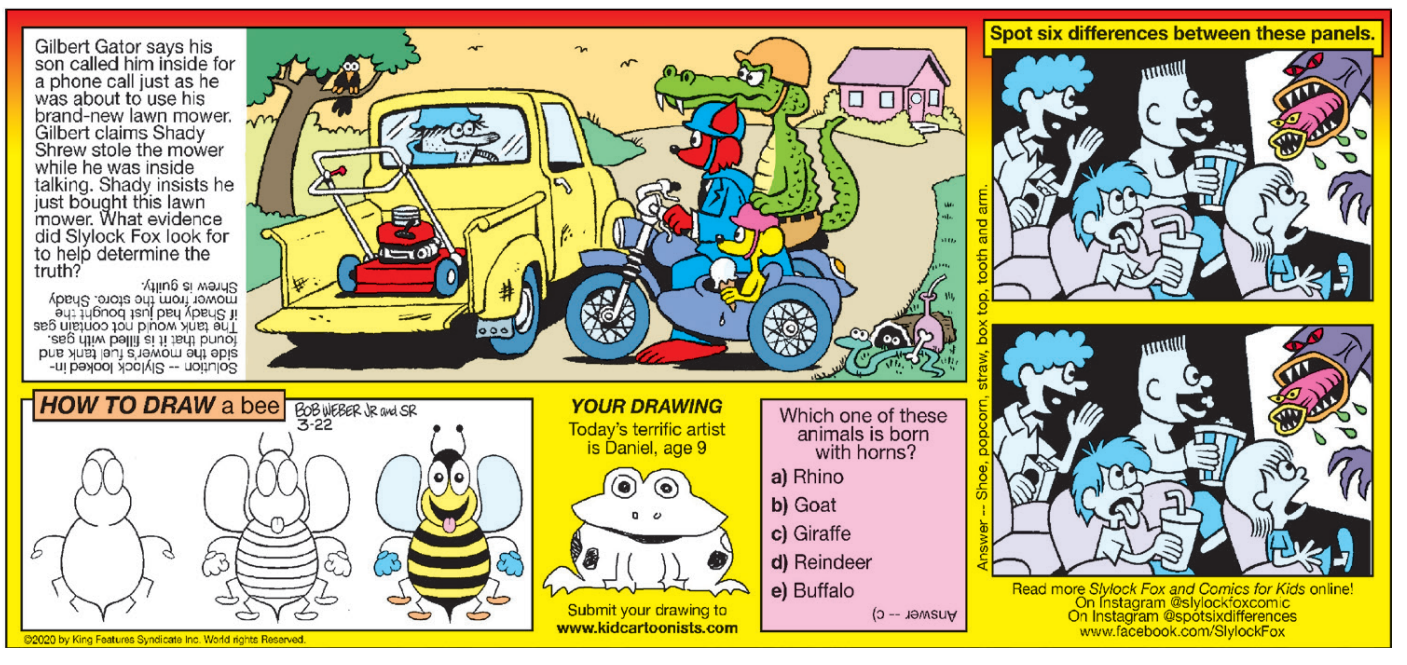
# Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS


Gilbert Gator says his son called him inside for a phone call just as he was about to use his brand-new lawn mower. Gilbert claims Shady Shrew stole the mower while he was inside talking. Shady insists he just bought this lawn mower. What evidence did Slylock Fox look for to help determine the truth?
Solution -- Slylock looked inside the mower's fuel tank and found that it is filled with gas. The tank would not contain gas if Shady had just bought the mower from the store. Shady Shrew is guilty.
HOW TO DRAW a bee
BOB WEBER JR and SR 3-22
YOUR DRAWING
Today's terrific artist is Daniel, age 9
Submit your drawing to www.kidcartoonists.com
Which one of these animals is born with horns?
a) Rhino
b) Goat
c) Giraffe
d) Reindeer
e) Buffalo
Answer -- c)
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Spot six differences between these panels.
Answer -- Shoe, popcorn, straw, box top, tooth and arm.
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